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PREFACE

THE present is the tenth volume of the Catalogue of Arabic and Persian MSS in the Oriental Public Library at Bankipore and the fourth dealing with Arabic MSS. The subject of the volume is Theology in which important branch of Muslim learning scholars have always received special encouragement at the hands of Caliphs Sultans Governors and Amirs to whom the greater part of the works on this subject are consequently dedicated. The collection here catalogued is notable for the number of works on Theology by Indian authors.

The volume has been compiled by Maulavi Abdul Hamid who is to be congratulated on the success with which he has traced the original texts especially in the case of those glosses and annotations that beginning without a preface did not indicate what texts they are dealing with. He has also succeeded by a careful and painstaking examination of the MSS and the marginal notes contained in them and of works of reference in identifying the title and authorship of several works where particulars of these were not to be found in the MSS themselves.

The volume contains notices of 161 MSS including 3 MSS of mixed contents which comprise altogether 21 treatises.

Among old and rare MSS described in the volume the following deserve special notice —

No 493 *Giyas al Umam* a very rare work on Imamatus and *Khilafat* by Imam al Haramain a prominent author of the 5th Century A H. Dedicated to Nizam al Mulk the famous Minister of Bagdad.

No 518 An old and valuable copy of a commentary on *Muhassal*. The MS belonged at one time to the Royal Library of Sultan *Shah Rukh* (A H 807-850 = A D 1404-1449) of the Timurid dynasty.

No 521 A very old and beautiful embellished copy of a commentary on *Taw li* made in A H 740 nine years before

the commentator's death. The commentary was dedicated to Amîr Qausûn, Viceroy of Egypt.

- No 528 A very old copy of Minhâj as Sunnah, made in A H 811 for the Royal Library of Malîk Nâsî Ahmad (A H 803-829 = A D 1400-1426), one of the kings of the Rasulîd dynasty. The MS. was for some time in the San'â Library of Yaman for a brief account of which see Library Catalogue volume v, part ii, No 305.
- No 540 A beautiful copy of a gloss on the first part of *Sharh al Mawâqif*, by Mîr Zâhid (*d* A H 1101 = A D 1689), transcribed in or before A H 1102. Dedicated to Auzangzîb.
- No 564 An autograph copy of an exceedingly valuable and voluminous work on Sunnî theology, believed to be unique. Dated A H 810.
- No 569 'Ismat al Anbivâ,' a very rare work on the sinlessness of the prophets, by Abdallâh bin Shamsaddîn al Ansârî (*d* A H 990 = A D 1582), a Sûfî and scholar of India. Dedicated to Pînce Mu'izzaddîn Kâmiân (*d* A H 964 = A D 1556). Dated A H 1133.
- No 584 A rare Arabic translation of Tuhfa Isnâ 'Ashharîyah, a famous Persian work on theology.
- No 588 A rare commentary on Tatfîf the work of 'Abdal'azîz, the successor of Muhammad bin 'Abdalwahhâb as leader of the Wahhâbî school.
- No 595 A very valuable copy of a commentary on Tajrîd made by Sirâjaddîn al Hindî (*d* A H 773 = A D 1371), an Indian scholar and a pupil of the commentator afterwards Chief Justice of Cairo.
- No 609 A copy of an annotation of Dawwânî by Mîrzâjân. Transcribed by a famous scholar, Nûrallâh ash Shustarî (*d* A H 1019), the author of the MS. No 623. Dated A H 982.
- No 622 A rare commentary on a treatise of Sadraddîn by his son Gıyâsaddîn (*d* A H 949 = A D 1542). Dated A H 1022.
- No 623 A beautiful copy of Ihqâq al Haqq, compared with a copy revised by the author.

Nos 631-32 Three volumes of a comprehensive work composed by a group of Shi'a scholars deputed by Ibrahim Khan Governor at different times of Ka_hmir Lahore Bihar Bengal and other places

No 643 A copy of Majmu'ah containing 15 treatises on Zaidi theology by scholars of that sect studied by Muhammad bin Husan the grandson of Qasim Mansurbillah (d A H 1029 = A D 1620) a famous Zaidi Amir and Imam of the Zaidi sect The present MS was for some time in the San'a Library of Yaman

This is the second volume that Maulavi Abdul Hamid has contributed to the great Catalogue vol v part i (1920) and part ii (1925) having been his work Maulavi Abdul Hamid long ago served his apprenticeship to Islamic learning in the all important but most difficult domain of theology With the appearance of this new volume (its publication in the year following the publication of volume v part ii is a matter for great congratulation) he is to be accredited a Master I could wish that I was one of the Caliphs Sultans Governors and Amirs referred to in the opening paragraph that at my hands Maulavi Abdul Hamid might receive some special encouragement But he has an enduring reward Dynasties will pass and many changes will be on the face of the earth but Islamic theology will endure and have its students and Maulavi Abdul Hamid's volumes will be an indispensable part of their apparatus

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So far as narration is concerned he gives us to understand that no trace of the work is to be found in the 2nd 3rd and 4th centuries A H , and the oldest work to his knowledge, in which the present composition is mentioned is كتاب الاصول by Bazdawî (d. A H 182 = A D 1089) an author of the 5th century A H

In contradiction of the statement referred to above however, we notice that, besides others the following standard authors and authorities of the 4th century A H held the present work to be a composition of Abû Hanîfa and wrote commentaries on it

I Abû Mansûr Mâturidî (d. A H 331 = A D 944) a follower of the Hanafî school and the founder of the Maturidiyah school of theology, composed a commentary in which he asserts, on the strength of reliable narration that the work is by Abû Hanîfa, as appears from the following —

قال ابو المصنوع الماتريدي رحمه الله قد سألت مولى اكرمكم الله
 ما تقوى ان اسرج لكم الفقه الاكبر الذي يمسح الى ابي حنيفة ناسايدي
 صحيحه الميم *

II Abû'l Lais as Samarqandî (d. A H 383 = A D 993) a famous Hanafî scholar and a reliable author of his age, composed a commentary on the present work which he describes as a work of Abû Hanîfa (For copy of the same see Cano vol II, p 43)

Bazdawî does more than mention the work (as stated by Shiblî), he composed a commentary on it (For a copy of this commentary see Escur, No 995)

Shiblî, in the following passage from the work referred to above actually alleges that all the commentaries on the present work were composed in the 8th century A H , or in subsequent years

اس كتاب كى حتمى سرحدن هوئين س ، اتعوين عدي منى
 يا اسكے بعد *

It is thus evident from what we have said that Shiblî, on the point of narration, altogether fails to prove his claim, basing it as he does on very imperfect information

On the point of Dnâyat (درایت), the following unwarranted observations led Shiblî to reject Abû Hanîfa's authorship

I Shiblî holds that the present work is characterised by a style of writing and by constructions similar to those employed by later scholars, and that such were introduced into the Arabic language long after Abû Hanîfa's death

II The use of the words *جوهر* (substance) and *عرض* (accident) in a philosophical sense is found in the present work but according to Shibli these words had not come into use in that time in Abu Hanifa's time.

III Though translation of some (Greek) philosophical works into Arabic were made in the reign of the Caliph Mansur (A.H. 130-138 = A.D. 741-775) yet no trace of the use of these two words is found in that period.

For the reasons noted below however we differ from the foregoing observations and conclusion of Shibli.

I Shibli does not quote any instance from the present work in support of his first observation mentioned above namely that the style of writing adopted by the author is of a period later than Abu Hanifa. Hence we may dismiss this observation of Shibli as unfounded. On the contrary we may note that the present work does not follow any systematic arrangement such as that adopted by the authors of a later period which fact support our view that it is by an author of an early period.

II Shibli does not support by any quotation his statement that the use of the words referred to above in their philosophical sense was unknown in Abu Hanifa's time. The theory of Abul Hudail Allaf the founder of the Hu'dailiyyah school of theology who was born in A.H. 131 and died in A.H. 273 that "each one of the attributes of God is *mutahdith*" (ان سمع كلامه *مراعى* cf. fol. 73 of the MS. No. 11 below) indicates that the word *عرض* came into use some time before. The following passage however throw light on the use of the word *عرض* (accident) in its philosophical sense in Abu Hanifa's own time —

قوله ان انا حادثة حمد الله سئل في الكلام في الاعراض والاحصاء

قيل لعن الله من سجد وسويع على الدرس الكلام في هذا الموضع

(See Al-Qirā's Commentary p. 11)

From the above passage we learn that Umar bin Ubaid the pupil of Wasil bin Ata (d. A.H. 131 = A.D. 749) and a contemporary of Imam Abu Hanifa originated the use of the word *عرض* in its philosophical sense. The use of the word *عرض* (accident) necessarily suggests the use of the complementary word *جوهر* (substance).

III Historians tell us and Shibli does not deny that many theological theories were originated in and before Abu Hanifa's time and that the Muhammadans were even then divided into a certain number of sects further that Imam Abû Hanifa is specially known for his discussion and criticism of other creeds.

It is also admitted by historians that translations of certain philosophical works were made in the reign of the Caliph Mausû, who was the contemporary of Abû Hanîfa, and that the two Mu'tazilî schools of theology were organised in Abû Hanîfâ's time, viz., the Wâsilîyah by the above-mentioned Wâsil bin 'Atâ', and the 'Umarîyah by 'Umar bin 'Ubaid, while a work on theology by the same Wâsil bin 'Atâ' was also composed *أول من صه ، في الكلام لإحدىعه واصل بن عطاء المعتزلي* see Al Awâil, fol 53^b. In such circumstances, and without having any direct evidence to the contrary, it is quite unreasonable to say that the use of these two important words, in their philosophical sense, was unknown in Abû Hanîfa's time. It is also unreasonable to believe that a scholar like Abû Hanîfa, who is specially known for his treatment of the subject, was ignorant of the use of these two important words. Hence it is evident that we are not precluded on grounds of Du'âyat from holding the present work to be a composition of Abû Hanîfa Kaidai (d. A. H. 827 = A. D. 1424) in Manâqib a work on Abû Hanîfâ's life (recently printed in Hyderabad), tells us (p. 107), in a passage quoted below, that the theory that Abû Hanîfa was not the author of the present work, was originated by the Mu'tazilî sect, who claimed Abû Hanîfa as one of their number, but discovering criticism of their doctrines in the present work, were compelled to start the theory that he was not the author.

فان قل ، ليس لاني حجة كتاب مصده ، قل ، هذا كلام المعتزله
ودعويهم انه لدس له في علم الكلام تصده ، وعرضتم بدلا ، يعني ان يكون العقه
الاكثر و كتاب العالم و المتعلم له لانه قد صرح وبما ناكرو فواعد اهل السنة
والجماعة ودعويهم انه من المعتزله *

This theory, started by the Mu'tazilîs, spread so much in later times that even some Sunnî scholars adopted the same view.

Written in good Naskh Dated A. H. 826

Scribe حافظ مصه و دس مولانا نظام الدين الحواري

No 486

foll 40 lines 19 size 10 x 6½ 7¼ x 3¼

شرح الفقه الأكبر

SHARH AL FIQH AL AKBAR

A rare commentary on the preceding work dedicated to Sultan Uluğ Beg (A H 850—853 = A D 1447—1450) of the Timurid dynasty

By Ala addin Ali al Bukhārī علي الدين على البخاري a scholar of the 9th century A H The works of reference at our command do not enable us to ascertain the date of death of this scholar Only one other copy of the work is known viz that in the Rampur Library (see printed list No 287) but there is no mention of the date of death of the author However the fact that the present commentary was dedicated to Sultan Uluğ Beg suggests at once that its author was a scholar of the 9th century A H A scholar of the name of Ala addin Ali (d A H 879 = A D 1474) who was a favourite of the same Sultan and dedicated some of his works to him is known to us (see No 598 below) but he is commonly known as Qushjī

Beginning —

الحمد لله الأحد في دانه الواحد في صفاته امل محمدا
 فصد ان اسرح نسخة في امور الدين لاجل تحفه السلطان
 معبد الدولة و الدين العتيق قال المعتمد الى الله سلاو الدين
 على البخاري اصل التوحيد و ما نصح الاعتقاد عليه *

Written in Nasta liq Dated A H 1087

No. 487.

fol. 19, lines 19, size $10 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

شرح الفقه الاكبر

SHARḤ AL FIQH AL AKBAR.

A commentary on Al Fiqh Al Akbar the preceding work

By Abû l Muntahâ Ahmad bin Muhammad Al Magnîsâvî

There is no mention in any catalogue of the date of death of the commentator or of the century to which he belonged, nor does the present manuscript help us to trace the same. Our copy is without the colophon, but the colophon of the commentary quoted in Hâj Khal. vol. II, p. 91, which runs thus — 'م الشرح سنة تسع وثلاثين وسعمائة', tells us that the commentary was composed in A.H. 939. Hence the commentator was a scholar of the 10th century A.H.

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي هداانا الى طريق اهل السنة والجماعة الخ *

For other copies see Berlin Nos. 1929—30, Goth. No. 641
Leipzig, No. 1087

The present commentary has been printed at the Dâ'irat Al Ma'ârif Press Hyderabad A.H. 1321

Written in Nasta'liq Dated A.H. 1253

No. 488

fol. 118 lines 19, size $10 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$; $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

شرح الفقه الاكبر

SHARḤ AL FIQH AL AKBAR.

A well-known commentary on Al Fiqh Al Akbar, mentioned in almost all the catalogues

By Mullâ 'Alî Al Qâî 'القارى' (d. A.H. 1014 = A.D. 1605
see Lib. Cat., vol. V part 1 No. 237)

Beginning —

الحمد لله واحد الوجود دى الكرم والفصل والجلود *

The commentary has been lithographed in Delhi A H 1269 as well as at some other presses

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 12th century A H

No 489

fol 132 lines 19 size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ 7×4

The Same

Another copy of the same Written in good Naskh Not dated apparently 12th century A H

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No 490

fol 23 lines 25 size 9×6 7×4

الحكمة والاعذار

AL HAIDAT WA AL I'TIDÂR

A collection of disputations and debates on a famous theological point the doctrine of the divine creation of the Qur'an (خلق القرآن) which took place between the author and Abu Abdarrahan Al Marisi (d A H 218 = A D 833) one of the most prominent Mutazili scholars in the court of the Caliph Al Mamun (A H 198-218 = A D 813-833) The author in the preface tells us that immediately the news reached him that the doctrine referred to above had been given out by Marisi he left Mecca for Bagdad with the object of opposing Marisi and his doctrine On his arrival in Bagdad he made himself known to the Caliph and expressed his desire and the object of his visit to him The Caliph who was known for his keen interest in theological questions arranged a debate on the present point between the author and Marisi The Caliph himself took the chair as arbitrator and president of the debate As we learn from the biographers the sound and reasonable arguments of the author soon attracted the attention of those attending the debate as well as of the Caliph and were so highly appreciated by them that cries of احب (we'll done) were lowered on the author The debate continued for ten days In the end Marisi failed to reply to the arguments of the author and the debate was decided by the Caliph in the latter's favour who gives us to understand in the preface that

he was rewarded with 10 000 Dinâr by the Caliph, as appears from the following

فعال المأمون احسنه ، يا عدد العرير بم امرئى بعسرة آلا ، درهم *

Author 'Abdal'azîz bin Yahyâ bin Mushîm Al Kinnânî al Mâlîkî الكناني المالكي، عدالعرير بن يحيى بن مسام الكناني المالكي, a prominent leader of the orthodox Muhammadans, specially known as a critic of the doctrines of other Islâmic sects. He studied under Imâm Shâfi'î (*d* A H 204 = A D 820, see Lib Cat, vol v, part II, No 304), and other known scholars of his age. He died in A H 240 = A D 854. See Isnawî, fol 17, Subkî, vol II, fol 39, Mu'ât Al Janân fol 156^a.

Beginning

فال عدد العرير بن يحيى بن عدد العرير بن مسلم بن ميمون الكناني
اتصل بي وانا بمكة حرسها الله تعالى ما وجد اطهر سر بن عتاب الميرسي
بعداد عن القول بخلق القرآن و دعائه الناس الله اله *

For other copies of the work see Berlin, No 1440, Br Mus Suppl, No 171

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1301

No 491

كما ، السه

fol 98 lines 16, size $8 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

KITÂB AS SUNNAH.

A very rare work in two parts, bound in one volume, consisting of criticism and objections chiefly directed against the views adopted by Mu'tazilis and Jahamis, and also against the doctrines of other sects. The author bases his version on the Qur'ân Hadîs, and the opinion of Imâm Ahmad bin Hanbal (*d* A H 241 = A D 855, see Lib Cat, vol v part I, No 242) the founder of the Hanbalî school. The author remarks that there is no efficacy in prayers offered under an Imâm professing either of those two creeds.

Author Abû 'Abdallahmân 'Abdallâh bin Ahmad bin Hanbal ابن عبد الرحمن بن عبد الله بن احمد بن حنبل the son of the above-mentioned Imâm Ahmad bin Hanbal. He like his father was known for his opposition to the new creeds, and he devoted all his powers to

support the orthodox Muhammadans. He was born in A.H. 213 and studied under his father and many others. He was granted several Sanads for narrating Hadis by a number of the reliable traditionists of his age. He is held an authority of his age in Al Ilal one of the critical branches of Hadis. See Lib Cat vol v part II No 301. Abu Yala in his Tabaqat fol 76 remarks that he collected valuable information and material which he added to that branch of Hadis as appears from the following —

اما اعمل بعد حدود سنة حار عنه تمام يحيى سنة الحج *

He died in A.H. 290 = A.D. 901. See Tabaqat Abu Yala fol 76 Huffaz vol II p 237

Foll 1—43 part I

Beginning —

الحمد لله رب العالمين صلى الله على محمد بنى الرحمة
وعلى اله وصحبه اجمعين قال الامام ابو عبد الرحمن عبد الله بن ابي
اسى عبد الله احمد بن محمد بن حنبل صلى الله عليه وسلم
سما فائدة العلماء على الله * سمعت ابي من ول العباس مطلق
هو كافر الحج *

Foll 44—98 part II

Beginning —

قال الامام ابو عبد الرحمن عبد الله حذيتى انى بنا حورس
سطا * عن ابن سادس قال ازل ما خلق الله العلم ثم قال له اكتب
قال ما اكتب قال اكتب ما سوكا بن الى يوم العتمة الحج *

The present part is defective at the end

Dahabi in كتاب العلون (see No 530 below) quotes the present work as one of those on which he relied

Both parts are written in fair Naskh by the same scribe. Dated
A.H. 1284

Author Abû l Ma âlî 'Abdalmalik bin Abî Muhammad Abdallâh bin Yûsuf al Juwainî ابو المعالى عدد الملك بن ابى محمد عدد الله بن يوسف الجوينى, the most prominent scholar and author of the 5th century A H, whose undisputed authority in theology and jurisprudence is recognised all over the Islâmic world Gazzâlî (d A H 505 = A D 1111), the famous author of the well-known work, Ihyâ' al 'Ulûm, attended his lectures for a considerable period The scholars of Mecca and Medina offered to our author the title of امام الحرمين (the leader of the scholars of Mecca and Medina) He belongs to the Shâfi'i school, and is of the Ash'arî persuasion He was born in Bush-tanîqân, a famous place in Nîshâpûr and studied under his father and many others He completed his studies in the 19th year of his age and soon after, at the age of 20, on his father's death, he succeeded him as a professor of the Nîshâpûr Madrasah, the institution where he had studied Some years later, the influence of the Mu tazilîs and their serious dispute with the Sunnîs compelled the author to leave the place Thereafter, he visited Bagdâd, Isfahân, Mecca, and Medina, and during his stay at these places, he delivered lectures on theology and jurisprudence It is said that nearly 300 men daily attended his lectures The fame of his learning led Giyâsaddîn Nîzâm al Mulk, the above-mentioned Minister to appoint our author a professor of the Madrasah in Nîshâpûr known as Nîzâmîyah, which post he filled for 30 years He died in A H 478 = A D 1085 leaving behind him a large number of pupils and 15 works of which eight are mentioned in Brock, vol 1, p 389 His compositions on theology and jurisprudence, in particular, are regarded as thoroughly critical and authoritative For his life see Ibn Mulaqqin fol 64, Subkî, vol iv, fol 168, Mir'ât al Janân, fol 273 Isnawî, fol 145 Madînat al 'Ulûm, fol 119

Beginning —

قال السمع الامام امام الحرمين ابو المعالى . عدد الملك . .
 الجوينى . الحمد لله الحى العدم الذى ارادته كل رسد وعى
 وهذا اذا تم عباد الامم . ماستر العيانى الح .

The present copy was transcribed in A H 1310 from a defective copy in which there were lacunae in the text Hence the same defect is found in the present copy these lacunae being indicated as follows هكذا فى الأصل (so it is in the original)

The copy is carelessly and incorrectly written For a very correct copy of the work see foll 4^b-51 of MS No 564 below where the present work is quoted verbatim

No 494

fol 62 lines 20 size 12×7 9¹×5¹

المعتمد في بيان الموحدين

AL TAMHÎD FI BAYÂN AL TAWHÎD

A very valuable work on theology containing a brief exposition of Sunni theological theories with references in each case to the views of philosophers, Mutazilis and some other sects. The author throughout the work supports the orthodox Muhammadans and opposes other circles. In cases where the two groups of the orthodox Muhammadans viz. Ash'ari and Maturidi differ in their views the author being a member of the Maturidi school supports the views of that school. The first chapter of the work which defines understanding and wisdom is of the nature of an introduction.

Author Abu Shal'ur Muhammad bin Abd as Sayyid bin Shu'ub al Khashshy أبو سكر محمد بن عبد السيد بن سعب الكشي a Hanafi scholar of the 5th century A.H. belonging to the Maturidiyah school of theology. The biographical works to which we have access do not provide us with any account of the author but that he was alive in A.H. 448 we may conclude from the fact that he studied under Abd al'aziz bin Ahmad al Halwani who died in A.H. 448 = A.D. 1055 and that he also studied in Samarqand after A.H. 460 as appears from the following two passages (fol 44^b) —

- i قال سمعت من الشيخ الإمام أبي محمد عند العرب بن أحمد
الحلواني النخاس مرة في أماليه الخ *
- ii قال المعتمدى (أبو سكر) سمعت من الشيخ الإمام الراشد
أبي بكر محمد بن حمزة الخطيب السمرقندي في سنة ثمان
وسنتين وأعمانه وكتب منه عدة وبلغت منه كتاب السيرة *

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي هدانا لهذا الذي كنا في الضلال والافرام الخ *

The work was printed in Cairo A.H. 1338

For other copies of the work see Asifiyah, Nos 381-452
Rampur Library Nos 34-35

Written in fair Naskh Not dated apparently 10th century A.H.

No 495.

foll 107 , lines 21 , size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same Written in Nasta'liq Dated A H 1204

A complete index of the entire contents in two foll written apparently by the scribe of the MS is attached above the title-page

No 496.

foll 102 , lines 22 , size 10×6 , $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same Written in Nasta'liq Not dated , apparently 13th century A H

No. 497.

foll 28 , lines 19 , size 6×3 6×3

شرح رسالة الدرة العائنة

SHARḤU RISĀLA'I'I AD DURRAT AL FĀKHIRAH.

A commentary on Ad Durrat Al Fākhriyah a treatise on the resurrection of the dead and points relating to the day of judgment by Gazzālī (d A H 505 = A D 1111) For a copy of this treatise, see Berlin No 2735

Neither the commentary nor the commentator is elsewhere known to us The fact that he quotes many authors of whom the latest is Ibn Hajar (d A H 852 = A D 1449) suggests that the commentator is a scholar of the 9th century A H

Beginning

..... الحمد لله الذى شرفنا بالتاهل المعوص فى بحر العلوم الراحدة

احمد ان شرفنا لخدمته السند النبويه الحج *

Many foll in the middle, and some at the end are wanting

Written in fair Naskh Not dated , apparently, 10th century A H

No 498

foll 64 lines 12 size 9×6 7×4

شرح القسطاس المستقيم

SHARH AL QUSTÂS AL MUSTAQÎM

An autograph copy of the commentary on Al Qustas a treatise by Gazzali (d. A. H. 505 = 1111) containing an account of his disputation with a Shī'a scholar on the foremost disputed points between the Sunni and Shī'a creed. This disputation took place in the course of Gazzali's journey to Damascus. See for a copy of the treatise Berlin No 1721.

By Muhammad Qadī bin Sayyid Muhammad al Lalazari محمد بن محمد اللزازي commonly called Tahir تاجر a Qadī of Constantinople who composed the present commentary after he had resigned the post of Qadī as appears from the following passage in the preface —

لما انفصلت عن قضاء مدينة أبي انبؤ الانصاي استعلب بمطالعة الكتاب الشرح بالقسطاس فسرع في شرح بعض كلامه *

The commentator in his preface refers to Constantinople by its secondary name among Muhammadāns viz Madīnatu Abi Ayyub al Ansari since Abu Ayyub a companion of the Prophet was buried in Constantinople.

A note on the title page which runs thus شرح القسطاس للشيخ (the commentary in the hand writing of its compiler) gives us reason to hold that the present copy is an autograph copy and this is borne out by the frequent corrections and alterations. The fact that the copy is dated A. H. 1199 tell us that the author was alive in that year.

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي ابدى من ساء من مادة باحناء علوم الدين سدد فواعد
العقائد بمن حار بخواهر القرائ و مدهاج العائدس و بعد بقول العبد
العقبر محمد فاضى بمدينه ابي انبؤ الانصاي المدعو بطاهر ابي السد
الشيخ محمد لاله راى كل الله لهما لما انفصلت عن قضاء مدينة
ابى انبؤ الانصاي رضى الله عنه استعلب بمطالعة الكتاب الشرح
بالقسطاس المستقيم فسرع في شرح بعض كلامه *

Written in Nasta'liq Dated, A H 1199

A note on the title-page tells us that the MS was for some time in the possession of 'Ârif Halîmî, a Qâdî of Constantinople

No. 499.

fol 45, lines 16, size $8 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

بحر الكلام

BAHR AL KALÂM.

(Designated on the title-page, Rîsâla irtîqâdiyyah)

A well-known work on theology, expounding briefly the chief dogmas of the Sunnîs, 'with a refutation of the heretical doctrines held by other sects

Author Abû'l Mu'in Maimûn bin Muhammad an Nasafî ابو المعين ميمون بن محمد النيسابورى, a well-known Hanafî scholar, who died in A H 508 = A D 1114 See for his life and works, Brock, vol 1, p 426, B1 Mus Suppl, No 175

Beginning

توكله ، على الحكى الذى لايموت ادا الحمد لله دى الحلال
والاكرام قال الساج الامام الاحل رئيس الامه . . . ابو المعين
النيسابورى .. اعلموا انى اعتقد معرفه الله وتوحيده الح *

For other copies of the work see Goth, Nos 100/3, Wien, No 1523, Munich, No 892, Paris, No 1232, Br Mus Suppl, No 175, Cairo, vol 11, p 42

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, apparently, 10th century A H

No. 500

fol 164, lines 13, size $8\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

شرح عقائد نيسابورى

SHARH U 'AQÂ'ID AN NASAFÎ.

A commentary on 'Aqâ'id Nasafî, a well-known treatise on theology by Nasafî (d A H 537 = A D 1142) For a copy of this treatise see Hand-list, No 2639/3

By Siyāduddīn Mas'ūd bin Umar at Taftāzānī سعد الدين مسعود بن عمر التفتازاني a prominent Shāfi'ī scholar of his age and an author of great erudition who composed a number of works on philology, theology, jurisprudence and logic which were recognized in his own life time and have been highly appreciated by the scholars of later times. Several works of the author have been introduced into the courses of studies in the Madrasahs of different countries. He was born in Taftāzān (a city in Khurāsān) A.H. 722 and studied under Qutbuddīn (d. A.H. 766 = A.D. 1364) Qāḍī Adud (d. A.H. 756 = A.D. 1346) and others. He was one of the favourite scholars of Timur's court. We have already mentioned in Lib. Cat. vol. v part II No. 306 that a defeat from Sayyid (d. A.H. 816 = A.D. 1413) in a certain literary dispute was a great blow to our author and caused his death in A.H. 791 = A.D. 1389. See Broel vol. II p. 215.

Beginning —

الحمد لله الموجد بحلال ماله كمال صفاته 'الح *

The fact that the present commentary was composed as long ago as A.H. 768 and up to this day is still one of the standard books taught in almost all Madrasahs and that scholars have composed a number of glosses and annotations on it is evidence of the merit and usefulness of the commentary which has been repeatedly printed here in India and in Cairo.

For other copies of the work see Bodl. vol. i p. 427 Berlin No. 1606 Rampur Nos. 208, 215.

Written in Nasta'liq. Not dated, apparently 11th century A.H.

No. 501

fol. 65 lines 17 size 9½ × 6 6½ × 4

The Same

Another copy of the same. Written in Nasta'liq. Not dated, apparently 12th century A.H.

No. 502.

foll 74, lines 16, size $9 \times 6 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same Written in Nasta'liq Not dated
apparently 12th century A H

No. 503

foll 132, lines 9 size $11 \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \frac{1}{2}, 7 \times 3$

الكاشية على شرح العقائد

AL ḤĀSHIYA'U 'ALĀ SHARḤ AL
'AQĀI'D.

A very popular gloss on the preceding commentaries (Nos 500—502 above)

By Ahmad bin Mûsâ أحمد بن موسى commonly called Al Khayâli الحبالى, a scholar of Constantinople, looked upon as a specialist of his age in jurisprudence and theology. He was a great favourite of Mahmûd Pâshâ, the Minister of Sultân Muhammad II (A H 855—886 = A D 1451—1481) of the Ottoman dynasty, and he dedicated the present gloss to the former. The Sultân, who expected the gloss to be dedicated to him, was at first displeased with the author but afterwards, in recognition of his special merit, was induced to appoint him a professor of the Sultâniyah Madrasah of Brussa. There is some uncertainty as to the date of the author's death. In Berlin, No 1966, as well as in Brock, vol 1, p 427, A H 860 = A D 1456 is given as the date of his death, while in Cano, vol II, p 13, we find the date given as A H 862. The former of these dates we are bound to reject in view of the fact mentioned in India Office, No 390, that the author completed one of his works in A H 862. The author of Hadâ'iq Al Hanafiyah, p 328, puts Khayâli's death in A H 870 but does not support his statement in any way. Hence we cannot say more than that the author died in or after A H 862.

Beginning

اما بعد الحمد لمستاهله و الصلوة على سيد رسله قال السراج

الدكرير عامله الله تعالى بطعه الخطير الح *

In order to increase the utility of the present gloss among teachers and students numerous scholars have written annotations on it

For other copies of the gloss see Berlin Nos 1966—70 Goth No 673 It was printed in Cairo A H 1297

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 12th century A H

No 504

foli 64 lines 14 size $9 \times 6 \frac{1}{2}$ 8×3

The Same

Another copy of the same beginning without the preface thus —

قال السراج قوله المحرر عامله الله تعالى بطبعة الخطر اسع *

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 12th century A H
The present copy bears marginal notes throughout It was purchased with other MSS in A D 1921

No 505

foli 41 lines 17 size $9 \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \frac{1}{2}$ $6 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same beginning without the preface thus —

قال السراج قوله المحرر عامله الله تعالى بطبعة الخطر اسع

Written in Nasta'liq Dated 1210 Fash era = A D 1803

No 506

foli 63 lines 10 size $11 \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \frac{1}{2}$ 7×3

The Same

Another copy of the same beginning without the preface thus —

قال السراج قوله المحرر عامله الله تعالى بطبعة الخطر اسع *

Written in Nasta'liq Dated A D 1898

قال الساج المحرر عامله الله تعالى في الخطر ومي الله له
المحرر العالم بالامور وفيل المراكمة اللع الح *

The present MS along with other MSS was presented to the Library by Maulavi Abdal Majid of Patna in 1914

No 509

fol 147 lines 28 29 size 9¹ × 8 7 × 4¹

الحاشية على حاشية الحاشية

AL HASHIYATU 'ALÂ HÂSHIYAT AL KHAYÂLÎ

A very useful annotation on Khayâlî's gloss (see above Nos 503-506) containing a critical examination of a number of theological points

By Mulla Abdalhakim as Siyalkuti ملا عبد الحكيم السالكوتي a very prominent scholar of India known for his special merits in philology theology and logic He completed his studies under Kamal'addin Kashmiri Mujaddid Alf Sani (d A H 1035 = A D 1626) named the author as أشباح (the sun of the Panjab) His compositions received special recognition from the students and scholars of his age as they have also from those of later times up to the present date Mulla Abdalhakim in virtue of his masterly ability gained the special favour of Shah Jahan (A H 1037-1069 = A D 1628-1659) Shah Jahan twice made the author a present of Rs 6 000—an amount of silver equal to the author's own weight He also granted him a permanent Jagir producing a considerable income This Jagir after the author's death was continually in the possession of his descendants till the reign of the last Mugal Emperor but later the Jagir was escheated to the Crown on account of failure of heirs He died in 1106 H = A D 1657 This is the generally accepted date though Brock in vol II p 417 gives A H 1060 as the date of his death See Subhat al Marjan fol 153 Hadaïq al Hanafiyyah p 415

Beginning —

اعز ما نرى في راسح اللسان ، انبر ما يحكي في بعد النبل حمد
واحب الح *

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, apparently 12th century, A.H.
The present copy is a transcription of a copy dated A.H. 1092

No 510.

fol 156, lines 25, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

الحاشية على حاشية الخيالي

AL ḤĀSHIYA'U 'ALĀ ḤĀSHIYA'U
AL KHAYĀLĪ.

A revised edition of the preceding annotation dedicated by the author ('Abdalhakīm) to Shāh Jahān. The preface of the present copy and the text of fol 1-6 differ from while with a very few slight alterations, the text from قوله و يحور عطف القصص على القصص till the end agrees verbatim with the preceding MS. The additions to the text in fol 1-6, are largely made up of praise of Shāh Jahān so that we may conclude that the author undertook the revision with the express object of dedicating the work to the Emperor.

Beginning

يا من تعدس داته عن احاطه الامكار وبعد فبعول العدد المسكن

عدد الحكيم من شمس الدين السم *

The present annotation has been lithographed in Lucknow, A.D. 1891, and again in Dihlī, A.D. 1870.

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, apparently 11th century A.H.

No. 511.

fol 137, lines 17, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

الحاشية على حاشية الخيالي

AL ḤĀSHIYATU 'ALĀ ḤĀSHIYAT
AL KHAYĀLĪ.

Another annotation of Khayālī's gloss (see Nos 503-506 above) explaining difficult passages and points. The name of the author of the present annotation does not appear in the body of the work, but a note on the title-page which runs thus حاشية عدد الحكيم برحاسة

حنبلى عن مسمو suggests that the author is Abdalhakim the author of the two other annotations Nos 509 510 above

Beginning —

الحمد لله على النعماء والصلوة والسلام على حبيبته ورسوله خاتم
الانبياء وعلى آله واصحابه الابرار *

The above is mentioned by Haj Khal vol II p 127 as the beginning of an annotation on Khalali's gloss by Abdalhakim which is additional evidence as to its authorship. Moreover in some places the text of the present annotation agrees verbatim with that of the two annotations referred to above

Written in Na ta liq Not dated apparently 13th century A H

No 512

foil 100 lines 20 size 10 x 7 5 x 5 1/2

لمس اللمس

TALBISU IBLIS

A most valuable work on theology expounding briefly the dogmas and theories of orthodox Muhammadans اهل السنة والجماعة with a refutation of some other creeds of Muslim and non Muslim sects. Each such refutation is preceded by the words لمس اللمس (deception of the Devil) and in each case the author explains how people have been misled by these deceptions. The work is divided into 13 chapters. The first four chapters contain a description of the orthodox school of theology with directions to follow the same and warning against other schools. The 5th chapter contains a description and refutation of the dogmas and theories of non Muslims such as Philosophers Sophists Magicians the Naturalistic School Zoroastrian Jew Christians and some others. Chapters 6-13 contain a description and refutation of certain innovations including mystical and theological theories and newly introduced ceremonies adopted by different classes and sects of Muhammadans. The author throughout relies on the Quran Hadith and philosophical

I foll 2 4	الكتاب الأول في الأمور بطروم السنة و الجماعة
II foll 5-9	الكتاب الثاني في دم الدرع و المبدع
III foll 10-17	الكتاب الثالث في التدبير من قس أنليس و بعد مكالمة
IV foll 18	الكتاب الرابع في معنى التلخيص و العروز
V foll 19-53	الكتاب الخامس في المدا و في العقائد والديانات
VI foll 54-63 ^a	الكتاب السادس في تلخيص على العلماء في فنون العلم
VII foll 63 ^b -64	الكتاب السابع في تلخيص على الولا و الساطين
VIII foll 65-71 ^a	الكتاب الثامن في تلخيص على العباد في فنون العبادات
IX foll 71 ^b -76	الكتاب التاسع في ذكر تلخيص على الرماد
X foll 77-140 ^a	الكتاب العاشر في ذكر تلخيص على الصوفية
XI foll 140 ^b -144	الكتاب الحادي عشر في ذكر تلخيص على المتدين بما يؤلفه الكرامات
XII foll 145-149	الكتاب الثاني عشر في ذكر تلخيص على العوام
XIII foll 50	الكتاب الثالث عشر في ذكر تلخيص على الكل الحج

Author Abû'l Faraj 'Abdallahmân bin 'Alî bin Muhammad Al Jawzî أبو الفرج عبد الرحمن بن علي بن محمد الجوزي (d. A. H. 597 = A. D. 1200 see Lib Cat, vol v, part 1, No 203)

Foll 1-78 are written in Naskh, and the rest is written in Nasta'liq. Not dated, apparently 13th century A. H.

The work is not mentioned in Brockelmann, but it was once lithographed in Delhi, and again in Cairo, A. H. 1337.

No. 513

foll 50 lines 21, size 9½ × 6½ 7 × 4

الهداية من الاعتقاد

AL HIDÂYATU MIN AL I'TIQÂD.

A commentary on Bad' Al Amâlî, a versified treatise on theology, composed in A. H. 569 by 'Alî bin 'Usmân. For a copy of this treatise see Hand-list No 2564/1.

By Muhammad bin Abî Bakr Al Râzî أبو بكر الرازي, a Hanafî scholar of the 8th century A. H. Some one has noted on the title-page, as well as at the beginning of the work, that Abû'l Qâsim bin Hasan Al Bakî is the author of the present commentary. This,

however we cannot accept as the beginning of our commentary entirely differs from the beginning of Abul Qasim's commentary as quoted in Lied No 2004. On the other hand it agrees verbatim with the beginning of Ar Razis commentary as quoted in Br Mus Suppl No 177 which leaves no room for doubt that Ar Pazi and not Abul Qasim is the author of the present commentary.

Beginning —

الحمد لله الملك المحمود المدة من الكتاب الحدود
مسمية هداية من الاستعداد لكثرة دفعه من العدد الحج

For other copies of the present commentary see Cairo vol II p 60 Berlin Nos 2409-10 Br Mus Suppl No 177

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1284

A note at the end tells us that the present copy is a transcription of a copy dated A H 1090

Scribe أحمد بن محمد البزار

No 514

fol 24 lines 19 size $10 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

شرح قصيدة بدو الأمالي

SHARHU QASĪDATI BAD' AL AMĀLĪ

(Also designated Daw Al Amālī)

Another commentary on Bad' Al Amālī mentioned in No 513 above

By Mullā Alī bin Sultan Muḥammad Al Qarī سلطان محمد علي بن سلطان علي الدارī (d A H 1014 = A D 1605 see Lib Cat vol V part I No 237). He composed the present commentary in A H 1010 after completing his commentary on Al Fiqh Al 'Alī bar see No 488 above

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي رحب وجود دانه يقول الملحق الي
رحمه ربه الدارī علي بن سلطان محمد الدارī *

For other copies of the present commentary see Berlin Nos 2415-18 Paris No 1251 Br Mus Suppl No 861 Rampur Lib No 225

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 12th century A H

No. 515.

fol. 86, lines 17 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

حاشية التفسير على قصيدة بدء الامالي

HÂSHIYA'I' A'I' TAQSÎR 'ALÂ QASÎ-
DA'I'I BAD' AL AMÂLÎ.

A rare gloss on the same Bad' Al Amâlî noticed above (Nos 513-514)

By Muhammad Zam bin Zam Al 'Abidin bin Idris Al Mâlîkî محمد بن زمر بن ابراهيم بن ادریس المالکی, a Mâlîkî scholar. No mention of him or of the century to which he belonged, is to be traced in the works of reference but on fol. 53ⁿ he mentions Ibrâhîm Al Liqânî Al Mâlîkî (d. a. H. 1041 = a. D. 1631) as his teacher (قال العارف بالله سدي ابراهيم اللقاني المالكي), from which we may conclude that he is a scholar of the 11th century a. H.

Beginning —

اللم صل و سام على سيدنا محمد و آله و صحبه الحمد لله ذي الجلال
و المنة . فعول العدد العبير محمد زين بن زين العابدين بن ادریس
المالکی الحج *

Written in farr Naskh Dated a. H. 1200

No 516.

fol. 21, lines 26, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

شرح قصيدة بدء الامالي

SHARḤU QASÎDATI BAD' AL AMÂLÎ.

A commentary on the same Bad' Al Amâlî, devoted chiefly to a theological and philological explanation of the text

By Muhammad bin Muhammad محمد بن محمد, commonly called Al Rafi'î (الرفع). The works of reference do not enable us to trace any account of the commentator, but the fact that he quotes many authors, the latest of whom are scholars of the 11th century a. H., and that in the colophon which runs thus — تم شرح قصيدة بدء الامالي في يوم الاربعاء في شهر ربيع الثاني سنة ١١٤٣, he tells us that the

present commentary was completed in A H 1143 give us reason to hold that he was a scholar of the 12th century A H. The frequent corrections and alterations found in the present copy suggest that it is an autograph copy and the original draft of the author.

Beginning —

الحمد لله العدم الذي حل من الكذب دل على عدمه العدم
 والكذب من العدم لا • اى الله الدج محمد بن محمد
 الملف بالربع ا هـ •

Written in fur Naskh Dated A H 1143

No 517

fol 60 lines 16 size 9×9 6×4

المعالم فى اصول الدين

AL MA'ÂLIM FÎ USÛL AD DÎN

A copy of the first of the five parts of Al Ma'âlim expounding briefly how the main points of theology are supported by logical and philosophical principles and reasoning. Below each point are given the appropriate principles and reasoning. Al Ma'âlim is a work which contains an exposition of the logical and philosophical principles and reasoning relating to the following five branches of Islamic learning viz Theology Jurisprudence Muhammadan Law Polemics and Dialectics divided into five Naw (parts). Each Naw has a separate beginning and is regarded as an independent composition being designated separately thus —

(i) Al Ma'âlim fî usul Ad Dîn (ii) Al Ma'âlim fî usul Al Fiqh
 (iii) Al Ma'âlim fî Al Fiqh (iv) Al Ma'âlim fî Adab an Naẓr wa Al
 Jahl (v) Al Ma'âlim fî Al Khilafat

The present part of Al Ma'âlim is divided into the following 10 chapters and each chapter is sub divided into certain Mazalah

I	fol 1-4	الاول فى المناجى المتعلقة بالنظر
II	fol 4-9	الثانى فى احكام المعلومات
III	fol 9-16	الثالث فى ابناء العلم للصانع
IV	fol 16-23	الرابع فى صفه العلم والقدرة
V	fol 24-29	الخامس فى بعض الكلام فى الصفات

VI	fol	29 ^b -34	السادس في البحر والقدر
VII	fol	35-42	السابع في الدوة
VIII	fol	43-47	الثامن في الدعوس الناطقة
IX	fol	48-54 ^a	التاسع في احوال القدماء
X	fol	54 ^b -60	العاسر في الامارة

Author Fakhraddîn Abû 'Abdallâh Muha'mmad bin Umar Al Khatîb ar Râzî محر الدين ابو عبد الله محمد بن عمر الخطيب الرازي A most prominent scholar and philosopher, and the leading Sunnî author of his age belonging to the Shâfi'î school, he composed a number of works on different subjects, both in Arabic and Persian. Most of these works are on scientific branches, such as philosophy, theology, logic, astronomy and astrology. His compositions are looked upon as the standard authorities on the subjects referred to above. He is also the author of the well-known theological commentary on the Qur'ân known as *At Tafsîr al Kabîr* (printed in Cairo in 8 volumes), see Hand-list, Nos 329-39. Some works of his on jurisprudence are also noticed. He was born in A.H. 543 = A.D. 1049, and flourished during the reign of Sultân 'Alâaddîn (A.H. 596-617 = A.D. 1199-1220), the last king of the Khwârazm Shâhî dynasty, for whom he specially composed *Hadâ'iq al Anwâr*, a work in Persian, being an encyclopædia of the sciences, containing a description of 60 branches of learning (for a copy of the same see *Bihân Lib. Cat.*, vol. 1, No. 216). The author took an active part in supporting Sunnî doctrines, and opposed the doctrines of Shî'a and other sects. Bâqî Dâmâd, a Shî'a scholar, in his work, *An Nibrâs*, fol. 6 (see No. 627 below) shows bitter prejudice against the author and calls him امام المسكين (the leader of the throwers of the people into doubt), and refers to him in most opprobrious language, as appears from the following —

أرأيت ، الذي حكى عنه امام المسكين ما احكاه وص الله فاة و فل
سده ، لسانه و رمحه و قلته و احراة ما احراة بمعالته المتكينة و اكفرة *

Fakhraddîn ar Râzî died in Halât A.H. 606 = A.D. 1209. See *Ma'â'ât al Janân*, fol. 376, *Subkî*, vol. VI, fol. 145, *Mujmal Fasihi*, fol. 176, *Brock*, vol. 1, p. 506, where 32 Arabic works of the author are enumerated.

Beginning

الحمد لله حالو الاصباح و حالو الالواح *

A copy of the present *Ma'âlim* is mentioned in *Cairo* vol. II, p. 55.

The colophon runs thus —

م كتاب المعالم في الكلام *

Written in Nasta'liq Dated A H 1095

Scribe عدد العربى بن مكارم

No 518

fol 301 lines 23 size $6 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ $4^1 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

المعصل شرح المعصل

AL MUFASSAL SHARH AL MUHASSAL

An old and very valuable copy of a commentary on Muhassal a work by Fakhraddīn ar Rāzī (see No 517 above) expounding the principal theological dogmas and theories and supporting the same by reference to the views of ancient philosophers and the philosophers of Islam. For a copy of Muhassal see Escur No 650/5

By Najmaddin Ali b n Umar al Qazwini al Khatibi على بن علي القزويني commonly called نيراني. He is known for his special merits in philosophy, logic and theology. Besides the present and other commentaries the author composed five original works which are enumerated in Brock vol 1 p 466 of which the following two works viz. Al Shamsiyyah on logic and Hikmat al Ain on physics and metaphysics have been highly appreciated and a number of commentaries composed on them.

The present commentator died in A H 675 = A D 1276. See Brock loc cit. Tarih is Guzida p 845. Habib as Siyar vol III part 1 p 61.

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي افاض بحروده العام ورحود الحقائق وانبأ بعده

النامة انواع الكلامى الخ *

The commentator in his preface tells us that he composed the present commentary at the request of one Qadi Muhiaddin Abu l Hasan bin Izzaddin bin Abdalhamid al Qazwini. For other copies of the commentary see Leid No 1572 Brill No 565 Paris No 1254. A few fol. at the end are wanting in the present copy.

Written in fair Nasta'liq. Though the copy is not dated yet the paper and writing suggest that it was written in the 8th century A H.

A seal found on the title page as well as on several fol. of the MS running thus — من كتب حريد سلطان ساجد بها — tells us that the

present MS belonged to the Royal Library of Sultân Shâh Rukh (A H 807-850 = A D 1404-1447) of the Timuîd dynasty. Another seal tells us that the MS was bequeathed to a Madîrasah in Persia, known as the Sultâniyah A'zamîyah, founded by the above-mentioned Shâh Rukh.

No 519

fol 30, lines 15, size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 5$ $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

إعلام الهدى و عمدة أرباب التقى

I'LÂM AL HUDÂ WA 'AQÎDATU ARBÂB A'I' 'I'UQÂ.

A manual of Islâmic dogmas, dealing with the fundamental articles of the Muhammadan faith composed in Mecca, divided into 10 chapters

Author Shihâbaddîn 'Umar bin Muhammad as Suhrawardî سید الدین عمر بن محمد السهروردی, the most eminent scholar and Sûfî of his time. The author was the nephew of Abû an Najîb as Suhrawardî (d A H 563 = A D 1168), founder of the Suhrawardîyah order. He was born in Suhraward, A H 539 where he was brought up, and received his early education. Afterwards, he left his native place for Bagdâd, where he completed his studies, and received spiritual training from his uncle and from Shaikh 'Abdal Qâdîr al Jîlî (d A H 561 = A D 1166). Shortly after, his reputation for learning and devoutness spread far and wide. He composed works on Sûfism, theology, and some other branches of Muhammadan literature, of which 'Awârif al Ma'ârif, a work on Sufism, is recognised as the best standard work on the subject. He died in A H 632 = A D 1234, leaving behind him a large number of pupils and disciples. For his life and works see Ikhhtiyâi al Rafîq, fol 80, Isnawî, fol 252, Mirât al Janân, fol 396, Brock, vol 11, p 440.

Beginning —

* الحمد لله الذى رفع لنا هذه العمدة عن مصائر اهل الوداد الحج *

For other copies of the work see Berlin, No 1742, Cairo, vol vii, p 554

Written in good Naskh Dated A H 1093

No 520

foll 220 lines 15 size 7¹/₂ x 14 4¹/₂ x 3¹/₂

شرح طالع الانوار

SHARHU TAWÂLI' AL ANWÂR

A very old copy of a commentary on Tawâli' a theological work on metaphysics by Baidawî (d. A. H. 680 = A. D. 1286). See for a copy of the text Berlin No 1772

By Ubaidallah bin Muhammad al Farâni محمد بن محمد الفرائي a well known Shafi'i scholar and Qadi of Fābiriz who composed several works on theology and jurisprudence. He spent the latter portion of his life in the study of tradition and composed a commentary on Mazāhib a well known work on Hadīṣ. See for a copy of this work Lib. Cat. vol. v part ii No 344. He died in A. H. 743 = A. D. 1342. See Al Durar al Kāmmah vol. ii fol. 624 Brock vol. ii p. 198. Habib as Siyar vol. iii part i p. 131. The commentator dedicated the present composition to the Minister Mubārak Shāh who was killed in A. H. 711 (see Al Durar vol. ii fol. 176) from which we may conclude that the present commentary was composed before A. H. 711.

Beginning —

أحمد الله حمداً بغير من ادراك عانه عول العلاء
ان الله به مداكسة قال بعد ومقصود الكتاب مرئى على معدمه
بله كتب اول الحج •

Quotation from the text is introduced by the word قال and the commentary by the word اقول

For other copies of the commentary see Berlin Nos 177, 76 Bodl No 146. E. cur. No 1161

Written in good Nasta'liq. Dated A. H. 772

Scribe أحمد بن محمود الاسرائي

No. 521

fol 154, lines 27, size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

مطالع الانظار

MA'Î'ÂLI' AL ANZÂR.

A very old copy of a detailed commentary on Tawâli (for which see preceding notice) dedicated to Amîr Qusûn (d A H 742 = A D 1342) who was raised to the rank of Viceroy by Nasîraddîn Muhammad (A H 698-708 = A D 1298-1308), one of the kings of the Bahr Mamulûk dynasty

By Shamsaddîn Mahmûd bin Abdarrahmân al Isfahânî شمس الدين محمود بن عبد الرحمن الاسفهانى a scholar known for his special merits in theology, philology and logic. He was born in Isfahân A H 674, where he completed his studies under his father and many others. In A H 724 he left Isfahân for Mecca on a pilgrimage. In the beginning of A H 725 he started for Damascus where he worked for some time as a professor of the Rawâhiyah Madrasah and composed certain works. Shortly after the above-mentioned Amîr Qausûn called the author to Egypt, where a special institution was opened for him by the Amîr. The present commentator spent the rest of his life in this institution, delivering lectures and composing works. In A H 749 = A D 1348 he was attacked by plague, and died. See, for his life and works, Ad Durai al Kaminah, vol II, fol 578, Br Mus Suppl No 186, Brock vol II p 110

Beginning

الحمد لله الذي توحد بوحوب الوحد و دوام العناء . و سمته
مطالع الانوار . . قال الحمد لمن وحده افول ضمن هذه
الخطبة بمسائل الدين بمطالع الدين الح

For other copies of the present commentary see Berlin, Nos 1777-85 Goth, No 645, Br Mus Suppl, No 186, Râmpûr Library, Nos 299-302

The present copy is not dated, but a note on the title-page tells us that it was written in A H 740, nine years before the author's death

A lithographed copy of the commentary, dated A H 1305, is noticed in the Râmpûr Library, No 298

Written in good Naskh

Beginning

الحمد لله الذي لا اله الا هو الحي القيوم لا تأخذه سنة ولا نوم ...
 اما بعد فبقول المعتز الى الله العلي عيين بن حسن بن محمد التوبى
 مدة فوائد متعلقه بالسراج المشهور بطوائع الانظار ود كذب جمعها وما
 سله ، من الرمان مما استعذب من اعظم العلماء والتعظيم ، من كتبه ،
 القدمات طهرلى بالعقرب فارد ان اجمعها . . . ليكون تذكرا
 للاخوان والعوائد الممدحة التى تلحقها على هذا السراج سددا وسدا العسر
 استاذ حماه العلماء المتدبرين و سلطان اعظم المتأخرين سريره .
 الحق والدين الحق *

Written in fan Naskh Not dated, apparently 11th century

A H

No 524

fol 321, lines 23, size 9×5 , 6×3 .

The Same.

Another copy of the preceding gloss.

Written in good Naskh. Not dated apparently 11th century

A H

No 525.

fol 119, lines 25, size $7 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

(حاشية طالع الانظار)

HÂSHIYATU MATÂLI' AL ANZÂR.

A very rare annotation on Mahmûd al Isfahân's commentary (Nos 521-22 above) The notes on the preface and on the Muqaddimah, which should be contained in the annotation, are wanting in the present copy Otherwise it is a complete annotation, beginning with الكتاب الاول فى الكتاب، the first main division of the work, corresponding with fol 19^b of No 521 The title of the present annotation does not appear either at the beginning or at the end

No. 526.

foll 73, lines 5, size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$

عمدة العوائد

'UMDA'I' AL 'AQÂ'ID.

(Also designated Al 'Aqîdat Al Hâfizîyah)

A treatise on theology, expounding Sunnî dogmas, with a refutation of the doctrines of the Shî'a and other sects. The present work was edited by W Cuveton and published in London, A D 1843, under the title of 'Umdat u 'Aqîdat ı Ahl as Sunnah or "Pillars of the Creed of the Sunnites"

Author Hâfizaddîn Abû'l Barakât 'Abdallâh bin Ahmad bin Mahmûd an Nasafî السفي محمود بن أحمد بن المبارك عدد الله بن أحمد بن محمود السفي, a well-known scholar of the Hanafî School, who composed several works on the Qur'ânic branches, jurisprudence and theology. He died in A H 710 = A D 1310, see Brock, vol 11, p 196. 'Alî Qâî in his Tabaqât, fol 128^b, gives the date of the author's death as A H 701, but A H 710 is a date supported by several authors.

Beginning

الحمد لله رب العالمين و الصلوة على رسوله محمد و آله اجمعين

قال الصدر حافظ المله و الدين ابو البركات عدد الله بن احمد بن محمود

السفي هذا المختصر عمدة عمدة اهل السنة و الجماعة اله *

For other copies of the work see Berlin, Nos 1988-90, Leid, No 217, Br Mus, No 1485, India Office, Nos 434 36

Written in good Naskh Dated A H 981

No 527

fol 80 lines 29 size 10×7½ 7×5

الانبعاد في شرح عمدة العباد

AL INTIQÂD FÎ SHARH I 'UMDAT AL
'AQÂ'ID

A rare and detailed commentary on the preceding work dedicated to one Qadî Abdalmu'min

By Ahmad bin A'ud bin Dāniṣṣimand al Hanafī أحمد بن أعود بن دانيشماند الحنفي. No account of the commentator is found in the works of reference with the sole exception of Haj Khalīl who in vol ii p 39 tells us that he was a scholar of the 8th century A H. This is supported by the fact that the commentator quotes several authors the latest of whom is Taftazānī (d A H 791 = A D 1389) whom he mentions on fol 47^a thus —

وذكر العنبراني في شرح المعتمد ان // امر حارق للعادة الحج *

Beginning —

الحمد لمن رب وجوده بالبراهين القطعية وحروف وجوده بالكتب

الساكنة وبعد بعد صنف حافظ الحق الملة مقدمة اريد

ان اشرح لها سرها اينما ر كذا الانبعاد في شرح عمدة

الانبعاد الحج *

Written in fair Naskh Not dated apparently 10th century
A H

The MS was for some time in the possession of one Khalīl Muhammad the Imam of Jamī Umawī of Damascus as appears from the following note —

الحمد لله من كتب العنبر حليل // امام الجامع السريف

العمري *

No 528

foll 207, lines 43, size $11\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$, $9 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$

كتاب الرد على الراصی

KITÂB AR RADD 'ALÂ 'AR RÂFIDÎ.

(Also designated Minhâj as Sunnah, see Hâj Khal vol II, p 353)

An old and valuable copy of a refutation of Minhâj al Karâmah (also designated Minhâj al Istîqâm al-hi see Hâj Khal, p 353), a work which deals mainly with the Imâmat question and some other Shî'a doctrines, by Hillî (d A H 726 = A D 1325, see No 594 below) For a copy of Minhâj al Karâmah see India Office, No 471/3

Author Abû l 'Abbâs Ahmad bin 'Abd alhalîm أبو العباس أحمد بن عبد الحليم, commonly called Ibn Taimîyah (d A H 728 = A D 1327, see Lib Cat vol V, part II No 462/1)

Beginning

الحمد لله الذي بعث في الدنيا مفسرين ومبدئين . أما بعد وقد
أحضر إلى طائفة من أهل السنة والجماعة كتاباً صدقه بعض شيوخ
الرافضة في عصرنا وهذا المصنف ، سمي كتابه مبدع الكرامة في
معرفته الإمامة الحج *

Ibn Taimîyah as Sunî and Hillî as Shî'â were contemporaries, and prominent scholars, known for their bitter prejudice against each other. Ibn Taimîyah refers to Hillî in the preface as بعض شيوخ الرافضة (one of the Râfidîs of his age). Each of the points dealt with by Hillî is fully criticised and refuted by Ibn Taimîyah, who deals at length with the objections to the Shî'a theory regarding the Gaibah of the 12th Imâm (see, for this theory, No 591 below), and totally rejects the same on the basis of the Qur'ân and Hadîs and for other reasons. It is said that the Shî'a authors of his age, as well as of succeeding times, were unable to answer the present work. The work was printed in Cairo, A H 1340

The colophon runs thus

تم الكتاب فرغ من نسخه .. سنة احدى مائة و ثمانمائة

يوسف ، بن عمر العطار الحج *

Written in good Naskh Dated A H 811

Scribe يوسف بن عمر العطار There are two important notes one on the title page written in gold which runs thus —

برسم الخزانة العالية السلطنة الامامية الاعظمه
الداوية
الصلاحه الرسوله العسانه حمد الله ملك ماله نصره امن

The other at the end runs thus —

برسم الخزانة المعمورة السعدية المصروفة الملكة المالكة
الداوية حمها الله تعالى ملك حمد الله ملك نصره امن

Both these notes give us to understand that the present copy was transcribed for the Royal Library of Nasir Ahmed (A H 803-829 = A D 1400-1426) one of the kings of the Rasulid dynasty

From certain other notes at the end it appears that the MS was for some time in the Library of Amir San'a (see for a brief account of Amir's Library Iib Cat vol 1 part II No 305)

No 529

fol 20 lines 20 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{7}{8}$

شرح الايمان الاسلام

SHARH AL 'IMÂN WA AL ISLÂM

A treatise explaining the true meaning of the words Iman and Islâm and pointing out the differences in the technical sense of the two words. The author quotes in support of his views the Qur'an, Hâdis and the opinion of reliable authorities.

A note on the title page tells us that the treatise is by Ibn Fannûsh see No 528 above but no mention of this treatise is found in any list of the author's compositions contained in the books of reference. A treatise with the same title by Muhammad bin Sulaiman az Zubairi (d A H 317 = A D 929) is mentioned in Munich No 893 (see Brocl vol 1 p 180) but this is obviously a much earlier work since the present treatise contains quotations from authors of the 6th century A H. See fol 10ⁿ where *Sharh al Madhîb* by Qadî Abu Yûsuf (d A H 560 = A D 1164 see Ibn Rajab vol 1 fol 163) is quoted thus *حكا عنهم القاصي او علي بن سرح المذهب*. Hence in the absence of any strong evidence to the contrary we may accept the statement contained in the note referred to above.

Beginning

الحمد لله يستعده و يستعمره اعلم ان الإيمان و الاسلام يحتدع
 وديما الدين كله و قد ذكر الكلام في حقه الإيمان و الاسلام و براعم و اصطراهم
 و قد صدق في ذلك محلدات معقول و فرق الدين صلى الله
 عليه و سلم في حديثه ، خبرئدل ... بين مسمى الإيمان الاسلام و الاحسان
 السج *

Written in good Naskh Not dated, apparently 10th century

A H

No 530

foil 73 lines 25, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

كما ، العلو

KI'TÂB AL 'ULÛW.

A work treating of the exaltation of God on his heavenly throne (مسألة علو الله), a doctrine based on verses of the Qur'ân and on Hadîs, an important and much disputed point of theology. The author supports the views of orthodox Muhammadans on the subject, and quotes the opinions and statements of reliable authorities from the second century down to his own time.

Author Shamsaddîn Abû 'Abdallâh Muhammad bin Ahmad Ad Dahabî الدقنى ابو عبد الله محمد بن احمد الدقنى, one of the prominent scholars of the 8th century A H, who died in A H 748 = A D 1348. See Lib Cat, vol v part II No 462 7

Beginning —

الحمد لله العلى العظيم رب العرس العظيم على نعمائه الساعه
 الطاهره و الناطقه السج *

The present work, according to the author's statement in the preface, is a continuation of his own treatise on the subject composed in A H 691

A copy of the work is mentioned in Berlin No 2313

Written in fair Naskh Not dated, apparently 11th century

A H

No 531

foli 9 lines 18 size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another but incomplete copy of the preceding work described on the title page as the 3rd part of that work thus —

الجزء الثالث من كتاب مسئلة لمو الله تعالى مما - ه محمد
بن احمد الدسوقي *

The present copy (which correspond with foli 61-67^b of No 530) is most probably 300 year older than the latter. It begins abruptly thus —

في الخطب قد اعدى رسم الاسلا ابو الحسن الهكاي سرهم
باسمهم في جميع هذه السورى اسم *

The present 3rd part ends thus —

والا الخطب في ناسكة عن عدد الله بن محمد اله نسي *

Written in fair Naskh. Though the copy is not dated yet the paper and writing suggest that it was written in the 8th century A D

No 532

foli 149 lines 21 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$

الكافى الساندى بن انصار العرفه الساندى

AL KÂFIYATU ASH SHÂFIYAH FÎ
INTISÂR AL FIRQAT AN
NÂJIYAH

A versified theological work containing an exposition of the doctrines of orthodox Muhammadans and refuting the doctrines of other sects. It consists of 5828 couplets each of which ends with the letter ن. Hence the work is known as Qasida i Nuniyah. Haj Khal vol II p 127 wrongly designates it Qasidatu Imaniyah.

Author Abu Abdallah Muhammad bin Abu Bakr bin Ayyub al Qayyumi (d 751 = A D 1350 see Lib Cat vol V part II No 323)

The preface begins thus —

الحمد لله الذي هدانا لهذا الذي كنا لنهتدي لولاه
مصدقاته النعم

After the preface the work begins with the following verses —

إذا أردت معًا معًا الطوق أتى
مدار هم لا إله إلا الله
يما أتوا الدس في القرآن
هذا الخلق هم لا يذكرون

The work comprises several Fasts in addition to a detailed Muqaddimah (introduction) and a Khâtimah (epilogue). The Muqaddimah includes a short historical introduction to the subject, while the Khâtimah contains a description of Paradise, and a statement of those necessary acts which qualify men to enjoy eternal life therein. Nearly all the important points of theology are dealt with in verse in the several Fasts.

Only one other MS. copy of the work is noticed viz. in Berlin, No. 2092 but the work was printed in Cairo A.H. 1338.

Written in fan Naskh. Dated A.H. 1190.

No. 533.

fol. 113 lines 27 size $12 \times 8\frac{1}{2}$, $9 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the preceding work. Written in bold Naskh. Dated A.H. 1243.

No. 534

fol. 167, lines 19, size $10 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$, $8 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$

حادي الأرواح إلى بلاد الأفراح

HÂDÎ AL ARWÂḤ ILÂ BILÂD
AL AFRÂḤ.

The work contains a description of Paradise and of the blessings of God enjoyed therein with a refutation of the attacks directed against orthodox Muhammadans on this subject by the Mu'tazilî and Jahamî sects. The author supports the views of the orthodox school, quoting verses from the Qur'ân, Hadîs, and the opinions of reliable

authorities Biographers of the author say that no one prior to him had ever composed such a useful work on the subject

Author Abu Abdallah Muhammad bin Abi Bakr bin Ayyub al Qayumi *عبد الله محمد بن أبي بكر بن أيوب القيسي* (d A H 751 = A D 1350 see No 532 above)

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي جعل كتاب القدر من عبادة ربه
كتاب احببت في جمعه دينه و الممحرر سلوة 14
الى ذاك العانس حلو سمعته حادى الا اح الى بلاد الادراج الحج *

For other copies of the work see Berlin No 8798 Paris No 1387 Leid No 2023 Cairo vol II p 133 The work was printed in Cairo in A H 1340 along with *I lam al Muqim*

Written in good Naskh Not dated apparently 8th century A H 1011 2-12 and foll 159-160 (which are dated A H 1292) are supplied in a later hand

No 535

foll 311 lines 33 size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

شرح المواقف

SHARH AL MAWÂQIF

A well known commentary on *Mawaqif* a famous treatise on the scholastic theology divided into 8 *Mawqaf* by Qadi Adud (d A H 706 = A D 1306)

By Ali bin Muhammad *علي بن محمد*, commonly called As Sayyid Ashi Sharif Al Jurjani *السيد الشرف الجرجاني* (d A H 816 = A D 1413 see Lib Cat vol I part II No 356)

The present copy as well as the succeeding MS which is another copy of the same begins without preface thus —

من حفظه كتابه الاساس الى معتمد سلم الكلام الحج *

The preface of the commentary as given in the India Office copy (No 438) begins as follows —

سبحان من يعدد سجدات حماله الحج *

In this preface it is stated that Sayyid completed the present commentary in A H 708 and that he dedicated it to Sultan Gias'ud din the grandson of Timur who was dethroned in A H 809

The great excellence and usefulness of the present commentary account for its universal popularity among scholars who ever since the commentator's own day have continued to write glosses and annotations upon it

For other copies of the commentary see India Office, Nos 438-45, Berlin, Nos 1801-02 Leiden, No 1548, Paris, Nos 2393-94, Cairo vol II, p 29

Written in beautiful Naskh, within gold-ruled borders Has a frontispiece Not dated, apparently 9th century A H

No. 536.

fol 342, lines 27, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$, $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 986

No 537

fol 319, lines 24, size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, 7×4

حاشية الحلبي على شرح المواقف

HÂSHIYAT AL CHALABÎ 'ALÂ SHARH AL MAWÂQIF.

A well-known gloss on Sharh al Mawaqif (see No 536 above)

By Hasan bin Muhammad Shâh al Fanâî سأه محمد ساء, commonly called Al Chalabî الحلبى, a famous author and scholar, known for his special merits in the Qur'anic branches, jurisprudence and theology The author, after completing his studies, was appointed teacher in a Madrasah in Adrianople where he composed a gloss on Talwih (see Hand-list, No 704) A few years later he visited Cairo, where he attended the lectures of a certain professor, specially known for his lectures on philology, and on his return from Cairo he was appointed professor in the Iznîq Madrasah of Constantinople He was born in A H 840, and died in A H 886 = A D 1481 For his life and other works see Brock, vol II, p 229, Hadâ'iq al Hanafiyah, p 338

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذى دواى الابهام فى كبرياء دانه بحسب الارهام
فى عطا معانه الع * .

For other copies of the work see Berqin No 1107 Cairo vol II
p 16

A printed copy of the gloss is noticed in the Asifiyah Library
No 322

Written in fair Naskh Not dated apparently 10th century A H

No 538

fol 338 lines 21 size 10×6 7×34

الحاشية على شرح المواقف

AL HÂSHIYAT U 'ALÂ SHARH AL MÂWÂQIF

A very detailed gloss on *Sharh Al Mawaqif* (No 535 above)
explaining the text from the theological and philological points of view

By Abdalhalim As Siyalluti السالكى (d A H 1067 =
A D 1656) See No 509 above

Beginning —

اللهم لك الحمد دواى نعمك بكافى مررد كرمك اما بعد
هذه فوائد دل واد عليها على شرح المواقف
لهذا العرب سعد الله الملك بالدين الع *

Abdalhalim in the preface tells us that the present composition
is with certain additions a collection of the notes which he made on
a copy of *Sharh Al Mawaqif* studied under him by his son Abdallah
commonly known as Al Labib himself the author of a gloss on *Al*
Mutawwal (see Handlist No 2798)

One Muhammad Askari tells us in a note at the end that the
present copy was compared in A H 1106 with a copy belonging to
Abdallatif the grandson of Abdalhakim

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated but the above note suggests
that it was written in or before A H 1106

No 539

fol. 432, lines 21, size $10 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, apparently 11th century A H

No 540.

fol. 193, lines 15, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, $5 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

الحاشية على الأمور العامة

AL HÂSHIYA'I' 'ALÂ AL 'UMÛR AL
'ÂMMAH.

A beautiful copy of a well-known gloss on the first part of the second chapter of *Shâh Mawâqif* on fundamental principles (الأمور العامة), an important branch of theology, of which Indian scholars of later times have been particularly fond. The large number of compositions by Indian scholars on the present subject, and their very numerous annotations on the present gloss, afford abundant evidence of their devotion to the subject. The present gloss was dedicated to Aurangzâib (A H 1069-1118 = A D 1659-1707).

By Mir Muhammad Zâhid bin Muhammad Aslam Al Harawî من محمد اسلم الهروى, commonly known as Mir Zâhid, the most prominent scholar of his age and a writer on theology, logic and some other branches of literature. He studied under his father and many others. His father held the rank of Yak Hazârî (commander of one thousand) in the reign of *Shâh Jahân*. Our author's literary attainments and merits were fully appreciated by *Shâh Jahân* (A H 1037-1069 = A D 1628-1659), who first appointed him Hisbah, Inspector of Weights and Measures in the Army, and then official news-writer to the Government in Kabul. After *Shâh Jahân's* death, the author was honoured by Aurangzâib, being given a respectable post in Kabul, where he settled permanently. He died in A H 1101 = A D 1689. See *Subhat al Majân*, fol. 156^v, *Hadâ'iq al Hanifiyah*, p. 428, *Tadhkirat Ulmâ' Hind*, p. 188.

Beginning

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ، يا من صرف من ربه ، كماله السند العلماء الاعلام . .
 مؤلفه ما لا يحتصى الخ انه ، تعلم ان المتناذر معه ان الامور العامة احوال
 الواحة ، والجواهر والعرض الخ *

The work was printed in the Alawi Press Delhi A D 1879 and in Lucknow A H 1263

For other copies of the work see Rampur Hand list Nos 90-92 Asifiyah Hand list No 34 India Office Nos 401 2

The present copy is written in beautiful Naskh with gold ruled borders. It has a frontispiece. The copy is not dated but a note dated A H 1102 on the title page suggests that it was written in or before that year.

A note followed by a seal on the title-page tells us that the MS was for some time in the possession of Da'ud Khan Quraishi an officer of Panj Haziri in the reign of Aurangzib who was appointed Governor of Allahabad in A H 1080 = A D 1670 see Beale p 119. This note is followed by another dated A H 1102 written by Ibn Mihr Jan who tells us that he received the present copy from the above mentioned Da'ud Khan.

No 541

fol 110 line 19 size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ 7×3

The Same

Another copy of the preceding gloss beginning without preface thus —

قوله مالا يتحصى العلم ادب علم ان المنهار منه ان الو العلم
* العلم

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 12th century A H

No 542

fol 67 lines 29 size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ 7×3

The Same

Another copy of the same gloss beginning like the above copy without the preface

Written in Nasta'liq Dated A H 1141

No 543.

foll 71, lines 28, size 12×6 $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

الحاشية على حاشية مير زاهد

AL ḤÂSHIYA'I'U 'ALÂ ḤÂSHIYA'I'I
MÎR ZÂHID.

A very useful annotation of Mîr Zâhid's gloss (Nos 540-42 above), containing useful critical notes

By Qâdî Mubâarak bn Muhammad Dâ'im al Fârûqî al Gupâmu'î (فاسى مبارك بن محمد دائم الفاروقى الكوباموى), the most widely recognized Indian scholar of his age in theology and logic, and known for his controversies on logical points with Maulavî Hamdallâh (d A H 1160 = A D 1747). His commentary on Sullam (see Hand-list No 1982) is one of the standard books for higher studies in logic in India. He was born in Gûpamu, a village in the Hardoi district of Oudh. He died in A H 1162 = A D 1748. See Tadkira'î 'Ulamâi Hind, p 174.

Beginning, without preface, thus

قوله ان المنادى منه الحق لايعال كما كان موضوع العلم هو المعلوم

او الوجود المطلق الحق *

For other copies of the work see Rampûr printed list, Nos 71-72, India Office, No 453.

The present copy (which is defective at the end) bears three Arddidâhs, without name, dated A H 1192, 1197, 1201, respectively.

Written in Nasta'liq. Not dated, but most probably written in or before A H 1192.

No 544.

foll 57, lines 20, size $10 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $8 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same, defective at the end, like the preceding copy.

Written in Nasta'liq. Not dated, apparently 12th century A H.

No 545

foli 134 lines 17 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

الحاشية على حاشية مير زاهد

AL HĀSHIYATU 'ALĀ HĀSHIYATI
MĪR ZĀHID

An annotation containing detailed notes on Mir Zāhid's gloss (Nos 540-42 above)

By Maulavi Barkatallah مولوی بركت الله designated Barkat Ali in the Rampur Hand list No 74 an Indian scholar of the 12th century A H He dedicated the present work to Amir al Umara Najib ad Daulah (d A H 1184 = A D 1770 see Beale p 290)

Beginning —

ما من حمدة ازل موافق الكلام آخر المعتمد
نعلم ان العدد منه اليك انت حذر ان السبع في سربهم استعمال لفظ
الا صاين في الا ولا نالطبع اليك •

For another copy of the present work see Rampur Hand list No 74

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 14th century A H

No 546

foli 151 lines 21 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 14th century A H

No. 547.

foll 160, lines 19, size $11\frac{1}{2} \times 7$, 8×4

الحاشية على حاشية مير زاهد

AL ḤĀSHIYA'I'U 'ALĀ ḤĀSHIYA'I'I
MÎR ZÂHID.

An annotation of Mîr Zâhid's gloss (No 540 above)

By Maulavî Zahûrallâh bin Muhammad Walî bin Gulâm Mustafâ
مولوى ظهور الله بن محمد ولي بن علام مصباحى, a Muftî and scholar of
Lucknow He was born in A H 1174, and studied under his father and
his uncle, Mullâ Muhammad Hasan He is the author of some other
glosses on different works, see Taḍkira'î 'Ulamâ'î Hind, p 100 The
date of his death is omitted by his biographers, but since we know of
certain of his pupils who studied under him in the 13th century A H,
we can place it in that century

Beginning

الحمد لله رب العالمين و الامامة على رسوله محمد و آله و اصحابه
اجمعين قال المصنف ، اى مالا يختص الحق اعلم انه قد وقع في
تبيين معنى الامور العامة عبارات مصطربة الحق *

The use, with reference to the author, of the word *سأله* (an invocation only used of a living person) in a note on the title-page, which runs thus *حاشية مولوى ظهور الله سلمه* at once suggests that the present copy was written in the author's lifetime

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, apparently 13th century, A H

No. 548.

foll 454, lines 18, size $8\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

الحاشية على حاشية مير زاهد

AL ḤĀSHIYA'I'U 'ALĀ ḤĀSHIYA'I'I
MÎR ZÂHID.

An annotation containing detailed notes on Mîr Zâhid's gloss (No 540 above), much appreciated in India, these notes being remarkable for their critical acumen

By Abdal Alī Muhammad bin Nizamaddin عبد العلى محمد بن نظام commonly called Bahr al Ulum (بحر العلوم), known throughout India for his special merits in logic theology philosophy and jurisprudence and for his useful compositions in the Arabic and Persian languages on those subjects. He was born in Lucknow where he studied under his father and some others. He completed his studies at an early age being granted a sanad of competency by his father at the age of 17. He delivered lectures for some time in Lucknow but unfortunately some unhappy event forced him to leave that place for Shāhjāhanpur. However shortly after at the request of the Nawwab of Rampur he went there and was appointed Principal of the State Madrasah where he served for nearly 5 years. It is said that so great was the rush of students that the Nawwab being unwilling to meet the expense refused some admission. Bahr al Ulum in displeasure at this action of the Nawwab resigned his service. Meantime he was requested by Munshi Sadraddin to accept the post of Principal of the Buhār Madrasah in Bardawan (Bengal). This he did and worked there for some years. It was here that he composed مقام a work in Persian on the events connected with the day of resurrection. See Buhār Lib Cat vol 1 No 132. From Buhār he went to Madras where he worked as a professor for some years and died in A H 1225 = A D 1810. This is the date given by the author of Hada'iq al Hanafiyah p 467 of the Rampur Hand list No 69 and of the Asifiyah Library No 376. On the other hand the author of the first volume of the Buhār Library Catalogue gives the date of his death as A H 1226 whereas the author of Tadhkirat Ulam al Hind p 123 and Dr Hidayat Husain in Buhār Lib Cat vol II p 163 say that he died in A H 1230. The date A H 1235 may safely be rejected however in view of the fact that Hafiz Gulam Muhammad in his work As Sa'ulat al Abqariyah (see No 584 below) which was composed in A H 1227 mentions Bahr al Ulum as his teacher and uses the words قدس الله التارى مدواه which are always used of a deceased person thus indicating that Bahr al Ulum was no longer alive in A H 1227. As regards the other dates given A H 1225 and 1226 A H we have no clue as to which should be preferred.

Beginning —

ان احل كلام الحق باللسان اما بعد فبقول العدد الراعى
عبد العلى محمد ابو العباس بن نظام الملوك والدين الانصارى
ان الامور العامه من احل العلوم العقله قوله اى مالا يخص العلم
اعلم انه قد وقع فى ر الامور العامه عبارات مضطربه الى *

The author, in the preface, gives some description of *Sharḥ al Mawâqif* and of the gloss upon it by Mīr Zāhid

For other copies of the work see Râmpûr, Nos 68-70, 'Āsifiyah, No 376

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, apparently 13th century A H
Maulavī Sa'īd of Patna (see Lib Cat, vol v, part 1, No 227) tells us, in an autograph note at the beginning, that the MS was for some time in his possession

No 549.

fol 216, lines 17, size $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8$, $8 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same, beginning without the preface, thus

فوله اي مالا يختص العلم اعلم انه قد وقع في تفسير الامور العامه
عبارات مصطره العلم *

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, apparently 14th century A H

No. 550.

fol 120, lines 17, size 8×5 , $5\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

شرح العائد العصديه

SHARḤU AL 'AQĀ'ID AL ADUDÎYAH.

(Also known as 'Aqâ'id u Mullâ Jalâl)

A very popular commentary on 'Aqâ'id Adudîyah, a treatise on the principles of faith written, from the Sunnî standpoint, by Qâdî 'Adud (*d* A H 756 = A D 1355) For a copy of this treatise see Br Mus Suppl, No 1206/3

By Jalâluddîn Muhammad bin As'ad As Siddiqî Ad Dawwânî حلال الدين محمد بن اسعد الصديقي الدواني, a distinguished philosopher of his age, known for his special merit in philosophy, logic, theology and jurisprudence He is commonly known as محقق دواني (the scholar of Dawwân) He was born in A H 830 in Dawwân, a district in Gâzarûn, where his father was a Qâdî He worked as a professor of

the Madra ah Aitam in Shiraz and then as a Qadī of the same place. He is the author of a number of works most of them on the subjects referred to above. In all 35 works of his are enumerated in Brock vol II p 217. The literary disputes between the author and Sadraddin Ash Shīrazī (d A H 930 = A D 1523) are not unknown to scholars. See for the subject of one of these disputes No 603 below. He died in A H 907 = A D 1501 see Rieu Persian Cat vol II p 442^b Brock vol II p 217. Habīb as Sīyar vol III part IV p 111.

Beginning —

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
 باسم ربنا للعالمين العباد الاسلاميه
 الى ربنا العبدى محمد بن اسعد الصدى الدوانى ان العباد العبدى
 لم يدع قاعدة من اصول الدينه الح

Dawwani in the preface tells us that it is the first commentary to be written on the treatise but an earlier commentary by Muhammad ad Damagani is noticed in Cairo vol II p 38 Cf Library Handlist No 2634/2

The present commentary which was composed in Marv A H 905 is the last composition of the author. Though technically a commentary it is looked upon as an independent work on the subject. Hence it is known as Aqa id Mulla Jalal has been introduced into the course of studies in theology in many Madrasahs and many scholars have written glosses and annotations on the same.

The present work was printed in Constantinople A H 1232. Cairo A H 1296. Delhi A D 1879.

For other copies of the work see Rampur Library Nos 202-6. Asifiyah Library Nos 21 127 373. Berlin No 1994. Leid No 2026. India Office Nos 445-48 466/1.

Written in Nasta'liq. Dated A H 1085.

No 551

fol 58 lines 21 size 11×7 8×3½

The Same

Another copy of the same. Written in Naskh. Dated A H 1116. It is noted at the end by one Jan Ali that the present MS was purchased for the Royal Library of Akbar II (A H 1221-53 =

A D 1806-37) One Mullâ Muhammad bin Ahmad bin Rasûl, in a note on the title-page, tells us that in A H 1193 he taught students from the present copy in the presence of a number of scholars, who appreciated his mode of teaching. This note reminds us that one of the qualifications for teachers in former times was to teach in this way in the presence of scholars.

No 552.

foll 84, lines 21, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$

الحاشية على شرح العقائد العنصرية

AL ḤĀSHIYA'Ī'U 'ALĀ SHARḤ AL 'AQĀ'ID AL ADUDĪYAH.

(Also known as *Khânqâhiyah*)

An incomplete copy of a well-known gloss on Dawwânî's commentary (No 550 above), composed in A H 1000. Defective at the end.

By Yûsuf bin Muhammad Jân al Qarâbâgî بن محمد جان القراباغى, one of the eminent scholars of the 11th century. He was born in Qarâbâg, a village in Hamadân. He died about A H 1034 = A D 1624, see *Khûlâsat al Aşar*, vol IV, p 510. Hâj Khalîl, vol II, p 27, says that he died about A H 1030 = A D 1620.

Beginning

كده ، الاحمد وكده ، الحمد فعول الاحوج ابن محمد جان

القراباغى وسميته بالخانقاهى الح *

The author composed the present gloss, which is his first composition, at a *Khânqâh* of Samarqand. Hence it is sometimes known as *Khânqâhiyah*. He dedicated the gloss to Sufî Abû Hâmîd Khalîlallâh.

For other copies of the work see India Office, No 459, Râmpûr, Nos 116-117. A printed copy of the gloss, dated A H 1289, is noticed in Râmpûr, No 15.

Written in Nasta'liq. Dated 1102 A H.

No 553

fol 100 lines 15 size $11\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

The Same

Another copy of the same also defective at the end Written in Naskh Not dated apparently 14th century A H

No 554

fol 47 lines 23 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

الحاشية على شرح العقائد العصرية

AL HÂSHIYATU 'ALÂ SHARH AL
'AQÂ'ID AL ADÛDIYAH

A gloss on Dawwani's commentary (No 550 above) explaining the theological points either omitted or dealt with very briefly by Dawwani In some cases a philological explanation of the words is also given

By Abdalhakim as Siyalkuti م السالكوني (d A H 1067 = A D 1656 see No 509 above)

Beginning —

وهو انسان الم راجع الى لفظ الذي المذكور صريحا فان العنصر

الاد من اللام بما يدل انه راجع الى المطلق المذكور صمنا بهم الى *

Two copies of the gloss are mentioned in Rampur Nos 111-13

The colophon runs thus —

تمت الحاشية الممروية من مصعب عبد الله م السالكوني على

شرح العقائد مولانا حلال الدين الدواني *

Written in fair Nasta liq within gold ruled borders Bears a frontispiece Not dated apparently 12th century A H

No 555.

fol 60, lines 11, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4$, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

نسخ الحواشي

FAKHR AL HAWÂSHÎ.

An annotation of Dawwânî's commentary (see No 550 above), and on its gloss, No 552 above

By Muhammad bin 'Abdal'azîz بن محمد بن عبد العزيز, an Indian scholar of the 12th century A H, who completed the present annotation in A H 1118 The writer, on fol 37^a, mentions his father's Persian work العطاء كسسه on Khilafat, which is also incidentally mentioned in Persian Cat, vol viii, p 90 'Abdal'azîz, the father of the writer, was a poet, known as 'Izzat He held a mansab of 700 in the reign of Aurangzaib, and died in A H 1091 = A D 1680, see Beale p 3

Beginning

الحمد لله الذي صممنا بمراته ، الادراك ، و التمكن من الصلوة والسلام
على من علمنا بان العلم شيء عزيز لا يعطى الا لعدد عزيز و بعد فاعول
العدد المعترف الى رحمة الله محمد بن الشيخ في اهل التمكن المدعو
بفخر الدين ان هذه فوائد شريفة متعلقه بكل شرح العقائد
العهدية و حواشي التوسعية و كان شروع دلائل في آخر خلافة الامام ...
عالمكبر نادشاه عازي محمد اورنگ . ريد ، و احتتامه سنة مائة و اله ،
و زمان من الهجرة ... و سمته بفخر الحواشي على كسسه ، الحواشي
الشيخ *

Written in Nasta'liq The frequent corrections and alterations suggest that the present is an autograph copy

No 556

fol 74 lines 17 size 9½ x 6½ 6½ x 4

التحاشيه على شرح العقائد العرفيه

AL HÂSHIYATU 'ÂLA SHARH AL
'AQÂ'ID AL ADUDÎYAH

A gloss on Dawwani's commentary (No 550 above) containing logical explanations of the points requiring such explanations

By Mulla Nizamaddin bin Qutbaddin as Sihalanى ملا نظام الدى the father of Bahr al Ulum (d A H 1225 = A D 1810 see No 548 above) He studied under his father and under Amanallah al Banarisi (d A H 1133 = A D 1720) Iatiba i Farag the ceremony observed on his completing his studies was performed by a Sufi Gulam Naqshiband (d A H 1126 = A D 1714) He received spiritual training from Abdarrazzaq al Hansawi The fame of his advanced learning and of his able teaching spread far and wide and students flocked round him to complete their higher studies under him He died in A H 1161 = A D 1747 leaving behind him a large number of pupils See Tadhkirat Ulama i Hind p 42 Hadaq al Hanfiyah p 445

Beginning without preface thus —

قوله هو انسان الحق لا يربط ان حاصل الـ ومذكور صريحا وهو الحق
ان الـ وعنه ادعا حاد من علماء لام التعريف وهو لا يتعدش صراحته الحق *

The author's name does not appear anywhere in the text but a note on the title page which runs thus — حاشيه ملا نظام الدى والد — tells us that the present gloss is by Mulla Nizamaddin This is confirmed by the fact that the author of the gloss No 557 below, quotes the following on fol 12^b from Nizamaddin's gloss a passage which will be found on fol 6^a of the present MS —

بكرية ان المقدمات مسلمة غير مبدئية الا طوب *

A copy of the present gloss is noticed in Rampur No 281
Written in Nasta liq Dated A H 1249

- No. 557.

foll 34, lines 22, size 10×7 , 7×4

الكاشية على شرح العقائد العصرية

AL ḤASHIYA'U 'ALÂ SHARḤ AL
'AQÂ'ID AL ADUDÎYAH.

A gloss on Dawwânî's commentary (No 550 above), containing explanations of difficult points and passages

By Mullâ Kamâladdîn as Sihâlawî السهالوي, a prominent scholar of India who studied under Mullâ Nizâmaddîn (see No 556 above) He died in A H 1175 = A D 1761, see Taḍkira'ī 'Ulamâ'ī Hind, p 173

Beginning

قال الشارح هو انسان اقول المعروف . باللام هو المطلق مع التخصص
الحاصل من فعل اللام وهو عرئى لا يمدح الاطلاق *

For two other copies of the gloss see Râmpûr, Nos 1118-9.

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, but a seal on the title-page (dated, A H 1177) of one Badiadduja, in whose possession the MS was for some time, suggests that our copy was written in or before that year

No. 558.

foll 44, lines 24, size $11\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4$.

الكاشية على شرح العقائد العصرية

AL ḤASHIYA'U 'ALÂ SHARḤ AL
'AQÂ'ID AL ADUDÎYAH.

A very useful gloss on Dawwânî's commentary (No 550 above), containing critical and exegetic notes

By 'Abdairahmân bin 'Abdairasûl ar Rahmânî بن عبد الرحمن بن عبد الرحمان، an Indian scholar of the 12th century A H He quotes early authors, and occasionally criticises them

Beginning

يا من دل على داته بداده وتدره عن مجاسة مصدوعاته
ونعد فيقول القصر الى التائد السحائي عبد الرحمن بن عبد الرسول

الرحماني ان هذه حواشي معلمه على السرح الـ در للعائد العبد
 مدد بها في سالف الزمان فاردت الآن ان احرها * ١٢٥٠ * مدونه
 * ١٢٥٠ * ملكه الكريم و مدوكلا على الحى العظم الحى *

According to the author's statement in the preface the present work is an enlargement of certain notes which he made on *Drwwani's* commentary

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 13th century
 A II

No 559

fol 71 lines 16 size $10 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same Written in Nasta'liq Not dated
 apparently 14th century A II

No 560

fol 386 lines 27 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

سرح المقاصد

SHARH AL MAQÂSID

A very popular commentary by Sa'daddin al-Taftazani (d. A II 791 = A.D. 1389 see No 500 above) on his own concise treatise on theology called *Al Maqasid* composed in Samarqand A II 784

The present copy omitting the original preface for which is substituted a short preface by some one else begins thus —

لك الحمد و المنة و على رسولك و اصحابك الصلوة و السلام و بك

الاستعانة و منك التوفيق و عليك التوكل و اليك التعويض *

The original preface of the commentary (see pp 1-2 of the printed edition Constantinople A II 1277) begins thus —

لك الحمد يا من بعدة ملكوت كل شئ و به استصادة و من عده

انداد كل حى و الله معادة الحى

The present copy, and the above referred to printed copy, agree verbatim from the passage *اعلم ان للانسان قوة بطريقه كمالها معرفه حقائق* (which is the beginning of the commentary) to the end. The present commentary is one of the standard works for higher studies in Theology.

For other copies of the work see India Office, No 461, A S, No 2364, Kopr, Nos 854-55, Cairo, vol II p 26.

Written in fair Naskh. Not dated, apparently 10th century A H, but foll 1-144 are supplied in a later hand.

No. 561.

foll 310, lines 17, size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

تدهيب، التهذيب،

'I'ADHÎB A'I' 'I'AHDIÎB.

A detailed commentary on the 2nd part (Theology) of *At Tahdîb*, a work of Sa'daddîn at Taftâzânî (d. A H 791 = A D 1389, see No 500 above), which is divided into two parts, the first of which is on Logic. Sa'daddîn's object in this composition was to indicate the connection between theology and logic and to show how the study of the former is based on that of logic. For a copy of the 2nd part (Theology) see Hand-list, No 2634/1.

By Abû Yûsuf Muhammad bin Ya'qûb al Banbânî ابو يوسف محمد بن يعقوب البنانى, a scholar of the 11th century A H, see Lib Cat, vol II, No 474.

Beginning

إِلَٰمَ اٰدَمَ وَحَدَاتِ الْقُدُسِ وَ الْكَدْرِيَّاءِ مَكْفُورٍ ، بِالْجَدْرِ وَ حَتَّامٍ
اِحْجَمَ وَ نَعَابَ الْحَمْدِ وَ الدَّاءِ مَكْسُورٍ ، فِى الْمَلِكِ وَ الْمَلَكُوتِ فَيَقُولُ
الْعَقْرُ الْعَصْلُ الرَّبَّانِىُّ ابُو يُوْسُفَ ، مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَعْقُوبَ الدِّبْدَانِىُّ . . . وَ . . . مَيْتَهُ
تَدَهِيْبٍ ، التَّهْدِيْدِ ، الْحِ *

The commentary is a rare one, only one other copy of the same having been noted, viz, Âsîfiyah Library, No 183.

Written in Nasta'liq Dated A H 1193

No 562

fol 88 lines 21 size 8×5¹ 6×4¹

الإمامة في درة العلالد

AL ISÂBATU FÎ DURRAT AL QALÂ'ID

A rare commentary on Durrat al Qalaid a versified treatise dealing with the main points of theology and containing 100 couplets composed in A H 793 by some Hanafî scholar whose name is not known. The commentator himself could not trace the author's name as appears from the following passage in the commentary —

و النظم لبعض إمامنا الساعى من الكوفة *

By Ahmad bin Muhammad al Madani أحمد بن محمد المدني a distinguished scholar of Medina of the 11th century A H. He is an author of more than 50 works. He died in A H 1071 = A D 1660 see Brock vol II p 20, *Khulasat al Asar* vol I p 342 *Taj at Tabaqat* vol XI fol 340

Beginning —

الحمد لله ولى العلماء ناسط الكود على أهل الأرض و السماء أحمدة

جميع محامدة الح *

As we are told by the commentator in the preface that the present commentary was composed in Medina A H 1057

The following couplets in Durrat al Qalaid indicate the title of the work date of composition and number of couplets contained in the same

الواحد الفرد العدم الأحد	باسم الهدى العلى الله د
و عزة الأصول بالعقائد	أ ب درة العلالد
فليس فيها من كسر العدد	انها من مائة لم ترد
و سعمائة مص	من سنة الثلاث و ا

A note at the end tells us that the present MS was compared with an autograph copy of the commentary

Written in fair Naskh Dated ١١٦٦ 1067

No. 563.

foll 84, lines 19, size $8 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

المسامرة في شرح المسامرة

AL MUSÂMARAH FÎ SHARḤ AL
MUSÂYARAH.

A commentary on Al Musâyah, a work expounding the principles of faith of the orthodox Muhammadans, by Kamâladdîn Ibn al Humâm (d A H 861 = A D 1456) For a copy of Musâyarah see Berlin No 1826 As we are told by its author, Al Musâyah is an abridgment of Al Qudsîyah, a work on theology by Gazzâlî (d A H 505 = A D 1111)

By Kamâladdîn Abu'l Ma'âlî Muhammad bin Ahmad al Maqdisî Ash Shâfi'î المقدسى السافعى الشافعى, a scholar of the 10th century A H, belonging to the Shâfi'î school and the Qâdiriyyah order of Sufism He studied under Ibn al Humâm (the author of the text) and Ibn Hajar (d A H 852 = A D 1449) He is the author of several original works and annotations He died in A H 906 = A D 1500, see An Nûr as Sâfir, fol 147^a, Brock, vol II, p 226

Beginning

هذا لمن رسم على صفحات الكائنات دلائل توحده وبعد
هذا توصلح كتاب المسامرة في العائد تأليف شيخنا كمال الدين
محمد ابن الهمام *

For other copies of the work see Leid, No 2038, Cairo, vol II, No 53, Alger, No 559

Written in Naskh Not dated, apparently 11th century A H

No 564

foll 407 lines 39 size 10½ x 7 9½ x 6

[الكتاب في علم الكلام]

AL KITÂBU FÎ 'ILM AL KALÂM

An autograph copy of a voluminous and exceedingly valuable work on Sunni Theology believed to be unique which deals elaborately with practically all the points of the subject enumerating the theories and views of nearly all the Muhammadan sects and quoting numerous reliable authorities. The object of the author in the present work was to make a complete survey of the subject that the readers of his work would have no need to consult many different works on the present branch of learning. Unfortunately we have only one volume of the work and that defective. Even in this one volume however we notice that more than 1000 authors are referred to and passages from their work are quoted. On foll 1^b-51 of the present volume the treatise *في العلم* by Imam al Haramain (*d* A.H. 478 = A.D. 1085 see No 193 above) is quoted verbatim nearly in its entirety.

The larger portion of the following work is also quoted verbatim in the present volume —

I *في الاسماء والصفات* by *Abul Qadir al Bagdadi* (*d* A.H. 129 = A.D. 1037)

II *سبع الامال* by *Halimi* (*d* A.H. 103 = A.D. 1012)

III *في الاسنى* by *an-Nazzari* (*d* A.H. 500 = A.D. 1111)

The contents of the present incomplete volume are as follows —

I foll 1-52 Part (incomplete) of the 9th Bab of the 3rd Kitab on Imamut and Khilafat

II foll 53-97 10th Bab of the 3rd Kitab on conversion and on apostasy from Islam with warnings against the same *الباب العاشر من الكتاب الثالث في الردة*

III foll 97^b-98^a Khatimah (epilogue) to the preceding chapter *خاتمه فيما يحصل به بويه المريد*

IV foll 98^b-407 11th Kitab subdivided into 10 Babs *الكتاب الرابع على عشرة ابواب*

(i) foll 98^b-147^a 1st Bab of the 11th Kitab defining Imam *الاول من ابواب سبع الامال القول في الامال*

(ii) foll 147^b-407 2nd Bab (incomplete) of the 11th Kitab on

belief in the Prophet and in other prophets الكتاب الثاني من الكتب
في شعب الايمان من اعتقاد نبوة النبي وسائر الانبياء و الاعتراف بها

The subject proper of this 2nd Bâb is not reached in the portion contained in the present MS, which is occupied with a long preliminary discussion (fol 148-407) of belief in God and His attributes which, according to the following words of the author, is an essential preliminary to belief in His Prophet

و وصل الايمان بعامة اسماء الله و صفاته الافتراض العوائد التي سبق
وصعها و تعديدها بمعانها و ابتدأت الرسول على الله عليه و سلم بالالفاظ
الدالة على ان تصديقه في الرسالة يأتي على مدلولها منه الحج *

The preliminary discussion referred to above appears to be concluded at the beginning of a succeeding volume, for the present volume ends with the theological definition of *الحل*, one of the 99 names of God while the next begins with the definition of *مقيد* - another (and the last) of the 99 names of God as appears from the following words of the colophon

و يتلوه في الذي بعده اسم المعنى حل و على *

On fol 67^b, the author refers to the 2nd (missing) Kitâb of the present work, containing a history of the origin of heretical theories and innovations in Islâm, thus

اعلم و بعدا الله و اياك ، قدمنا القول في منشأ الصلاوات و البدع
كما ذكر السمستاني في اوائل الكتاب الثاني من تأليفنا
هذا *

The theories of the Galatîyah and some other sects regarding the Reckoning of God, which are not generally known, are described on fol 380^b thus

و منها ابدان المكاساة عن الخلق . . . و في هذا ابطال من انكر
مكاساة الارواح عن عبادة كما ذهب ، انه العباد من الحجة و ابطال
قول من قال ان الحساب مع المؤمنين دون الكافرين كما ذهب ، انه سالم
الاصري و منها ابطال قول هشام القرطبي . . . لان هشاماً حرم
على الناس ان يهولوا حسدا الله و نعم الوكيل الحج *

On fol 71 the author refers to the *Shaitaniyah* (سظانه) sect who deny the personality of Satan and to some of their theories which are not generally known thus —

اما " هاته امثت شيطان الطر حكي عنه اعول بكسر من
سبهاث الياض راد علم بعوله ان لله تعالى يعلم الاشياء لا ردها
و ارادنا و العدد عند الاله الاله و ل اله •

معد له ابو بكر النعماني *Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi* The works of reference do not provide us with any account of the author but the author himself in the colophon quoted below tell us that he was born in Nawa and settled in Damascus and that he completed the present volume of the work in A H 810 = A D 1407 —

مع القراج من هذا السعد العبدك على مدموله عند الله ابي بكر
ابن حسن القوي مولداهم الدمشقي ركن القراج منه يوم الجمعة
ثامن ثنى القعدة سنة خمس مائة و الحمد لله على
كل حل ملوه بعدة اسم العبد الخ •

Hence he was a scholar of the 9th century A H The author mention his *Shaykh* (teacher) *Abu Bakr al Mansuri* (d A H 707 = A D 1396 see Brock. vol ii p 166) on fol 709 and refers to his work *Lutuh Ar Rahman* thus —

بل شجعنا ابو بكر الموملى قدس الله من كلفه " الى بقوج
الرحمن الخ •

The fact that more than 1000 authors are quoted in the present volume and that it contains most useful material and valuable information, testify fully to the author's scholarship and his mastery of the subject So far as we know no one else has ever composed such a detailed work on the subject

The present volume begins abruptly thus —

لازم ولا يعنى كقولنا نعلن ما ساء لعدوة كوصفنا بانه عالم
مادر الخ •

The larger portion of foll 1-12 is damaged
Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 810

No 565

foll 52, lines 21, size $9 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 5$

المصباح

AL MISBĀḤ.

A rare commentary on Umm al Barâhîn, a well-known work on mystic theology, by Sanûsî (*d* A H 895 = A D 1490) For a copy of the text see Berlin, No 2006 The present is an abridgment of the commentator's larger commentary on the same work, known as Al Jawâhîr as Saman

By Muhammad bin 'Abdarrahîm bin Ibrâhîm bin Hasan al Hanafî محمد بن عبد الرحيم بن ابراهيم بن الحسن الحنفى The dates of the commentator are not mentioned in our biographical works, but the fact that he quotes many authors in this work, the latest of whom is Ahmad al Khafâjî (*d* A H 1069 = A D 1658), suggests that he was a scholar belonging to the 11th century A H According to Berlin No 4547, he died about A H 1100 = A D 1688

Beginning

الحمد لله الذي تعدد بركاته وافاض جوده على كل موجود
 و بعد فقول الفقير الى ربه الكريم محمد بن عبد الرحيم بن ابراهيم
 بن الحسن الحنفى قد كدت سرحا ام الغراهنى
 شرحا سمعته الكوهر الثمين ثم رأيت كندر الكجج وسرحا فى شرح
 لنا متوسطه و سمعته بالمصباح *

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1199

Scribe حافظ محمد امين

No 566

foll 40 lines 17 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

الحاشية على شرح الهددي لام الراهس

AL HÂSHIYATU 'ALÂ SHARH AL
HUDHUDÎ LI UMM AL
BARÂHÎN

(Designated in Cairo vol II p 21 Al Hawâṣṣ al Bahiyah)

A detailed annotation of Sūnūs Umm al Barahin (mentioned in the preceding notice) and of the commentary on this work by Hudhudî (for a copy of which see Berlin No 2019)

By Shaikh Husain an Namawî شيخ حسن الناموي a scholar of the 11th century A H see Cairo vol II p 21 where three copies of the present annotation are mentioned the oldest of these being dated A H 1097 In Berlin No 2019 referred to above Hudhudî is stated to be a scholar of the 12th century A H but if as stated above Shaikh Husain (who annotated Hudhudî's commentary) belonged to the 11th century this is obviously a mistake

Beginning —

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلوة والسلام الايمان الاكمل على سيدنا
محمد سدد ولدعدنان ونعد بقية حواسي و فوائد و نكب
جمعها من كتب العلوم على العبد المسماه نام الراهس و شرحها
للهددي الخ *

Written in good Naskh Dated A H 1182

No 567

foll 353 lines 19 size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

المواصت و الجواهر

AL YAWÂQÎT WA AL JAWÂHIR

A work on theology treating of those special points of theology which are the subject of dispute between the Sufis and orthodox Muhammadans The author in the present work gives his whole attention to removing these differences of opinion holding that in every case it is only by misinterpretation and misapprehension of the sense

of the words used by the Sûfis in the expression of their views that these differences arise. The author claims that the present work is the first composition ever composed on the subject. The work is fully analysed in Flugel, Z D M G, vol. xxi, p. 271.

Author 'Abdalwahhâb bin Ahmad bin 'Alî ash Shâ'rânî عبد الوهاب بن أحمد بن علي السمراني, the most prominent Sûfi scholar and author of his age in Cairo, who received spiritual instruction from nearly 100 Sûfi Shâikhs. See Al Lawâqih, Hand-list No 2446 fol. 328-404. He composed a number of works on different subjects. In all, 46 works of the author are noticed in Brock, vol. ii, p. 338. He died in A H 973 = A D 1565, see Tâj at Tabaqât, vol. x, fol. 497, Al Khitat at Tawfiqiyah, vol. xiv, pp. 109-112, Huart, p. 380, Nicholson, p. 448, Brock, loc. cit., Z D M G, vols. xx, p. 1, xxi, p. 271. This is the date generally accepted by the biographers, and is that mentioned in almost all the catalogues, but Hâj Khal in his different volumes, viz, vol. i, p. 482, vol. iv, p. 37, and vol. vi, p. 285 gives the following different dates A H 960, 973, 976.

Beginning

الحمد لله رب العالمين واصلى واسلم على سيدنا محمد وعلى
سائر الانبياء هذا كتاب القته فى علم العوائد وسميته بالدوامد
والجواهر فى بيان عوائد الاكابر وذلك ، لان المدار فى العوائد على
هاتين الطائفتين اذ الخلق كلهم وسمان إما اهل الطر واستدلال وإما اهل
كسبه ، وعلان فرما ظن من لاحوص له فى السريعة ان كلام احدى
الطائفتين مخالفه ، للاخرى فمصدد فى الكتاب الجمع بينهما وهذا
لا اعلم احدا ساعدنى اليه الخ *

For other copies of the work see Br Mus, No 187, India Office, No 674, Goth, No 898, Wien, No 1922, Berlin, No 2039, Alger, No 926.

The work has been several times printed in Cairo, viz, in A H 1277, 1305, 1306, 1308.

Written in fair Naskh. Not dated, apparently 11th century A H.

No 568

foll 208 lines 22 size 11×7 $8 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

الصواعق المحرقة

AS SAWÂ'IQ AL MUHRIQAH

A work discussing and defending the rightful claims to the succession of the first five Caliphs and in particular those of the first three Caliphs whose rightful claims have been criticised by the Shi'a sects. The author upholds Sunni views on the subject strongly condemning those of the Shi'as. The present work is a supplement to the author's work on the succession of the first two Caliphs composed in Mecca A H 950. It is divided into 3 Muqaddimahs 10 Chapters and a Ḥatimah. Several Shi'a authors composed works in refutation of our present work. See Ḥaṣṣ al Hujub fol 45^b. As Sawarim by Shustari (d A H 1019 = A D 1610 see No 623 below) is the best known work on the subject. For a copy of which see Buhār Lib Cat vol II No 112.

Author Shihabaddīn Ahmad bin Muhammad bin Alī bin Hajar al Ḥaṣṣamī (د سحاب الدين احمد بن محمد بن علي بن حجر ال) (d A H 974 = A D 1566 see Lib Cat vol V part 1 No 283)

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي احصى سنة الحج *

For other copies of the work see Berlin Nos 2128-30 Goth No 861 Br Mus Suppl No 192 India Office Nos 181-4. The work was printed in Cairo A H 1307 and again in A H 1308.

Written in fair Nashḥ Dated A H 1090

Scribe ملا ابنه

No 569

foll 140 lines 19 size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

صمد الانبياء

'ISMAT AL ANBIYÂ'

A very rare work not mentioned in any catalogue dealing exclusively with Ismat al Anbiya (sinlessness of the prophets) one of the points of theology. This point is dealt with in almost all theological works but separate compositions on the subject are few in number. A work on the present subject under the same title by Fakhraddīn ar Rāzī (d A H 606 = A D 1209 see No 517 above) is mentioned in Berlin No 2528. The present work is divided into a Muqaddimah and the following 3 Fasls —

- I foll 9-22^a العمل الاول في بيان ان الابداء ما لهم الصلوة و السلام
معصومون عن الكفر و الكائن
- II foll 22^b-38^a العمل الثاني في بيان عصمتهم و الصلوة و السلام
عن المعاصي التي دون الكفر
- III foll 38^b-149 العمل الثالث في بيان القصص من هذا الجنس المدسوسة
الدهم

The author dedicated the present work to Prince Mu'izzaddîn Muhammad Kâmrân (*d* A H 964 = A D 1556, see this Library's Persian Cat, vol II, pp 215-222)

Author 'Abdallâh bin Shamsaddîn bin Jamâladdîn al Ansârî He belonged by descent to the Ansârî tribe of Arabia. Some of his ancestors settled in Sultân-pûr (in Lahore), where the author was born. As we are told by his biographers, he was a scholar and Sûfî of great repute, and flourished during the reign of Humâyûn (A H 937-963 = A D 1530-1556), who honoured him for his literary attainments with the title of Shâikh al Islâm and, as a Sûfî, with the title of Makhdûm al Mulk.

He was so strict and orthodox a Sunnî, that he held that the 3rd Daftar of Raudat al Ahbâb (see this Library's Persian Cat, vol VI, Nos 496-97) was not by Jâmâladdîn (*d* A H 926 = A D 1519), but was a later Shî'â addition, seeing that Jâmâladdîn was a known supporter of the views of the Sunnis, whereas the 3rd Daftar contains passages supporting Shî'â views. This was the subject of dispute between our author and 'Abdalqâdir Badâyûnî, the author of the well-known Muntakhab at Tawârîkh. (For a description of the dispute, see Muntakhab at Tawârîkh, this Library's Persian Cat, vol VII, No 536, fol 346.) Our author, shortly after his return from Mecca, died in Gujârât, A H 990 = A D 1582, see Muntakhab at Tawârîkh, loc cit Taḍkîrât 'Ulamâ'î Hind, p 103, where the present work is mentioned in the list of his compositions, but is not described. The author of Hadâ'iq al Hanafiyah, p 397, mentions our author's death in A H 1006 = A D 1597.

Beginning —

بسم الله يا عزيز يا كريم ومن يعتزم بالله بعد هدى الى صراط
مستقيم و بعد فصول العدد المعتزم بحمد الله العليّ عبد الله
بن شمس الدين بن جمال الدين الانصاري عصمة الله عن حاله ، القول
و ما ظهر من انه سمى بنى آخر الزمان وهو الملعون ، بمعز الدين محمد
كامران من الله على الرايا بتأييده و سميت عصمة الانبياء ... متحفا
لذلك الملك الذي تلى الناس لامره بالقبول الخ *

The use in the preface of the verb in several different forms
is noteworthy

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1133

Scribe سجع عبد الله

No 570

fol 110 lines 15 size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

اتحاف المريد بحوارة الواحد

ITHÂF AL MURÎD BI JAWHAR AT TAWHÎD

The present work is an enlargement of *Irshâd al Murid* a concise commentary by the same author on *Jawhar at Tawhid* a versified treatise on theology by the commentator's father Ibrahim al Liqani (d A H 1041 = A D 1631) For a printed copy and MS of the treatise see Rampur Library Nos 201-202

Author ' Abdassalam bin Ibrahim al Maliki al Liqani عبد السلام بن ابراهيم المالكي اللقاني son of the above mentioned Ibrahim al Liqani the author of *Jawhar at Tawhid* For his scholarship and merits he is regarded as the equal of his father in tradition theology and some other branches of learning He succeeded his father as professor of Al Jamî al Azhar the well known institution of Egypt He is the author of several works He died in A H 1078 = A D 1668 For his life and works see *Khulasat al Asar* vol II p 417 Brock vol II p 307

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي رفع لاهل السنة الا حسنة في التحصين اعلامه
البحر *

For other copies of the work see Munich Nos 148-149 Paris Nos 1281-82 Alger Nos 705-7 The work was printed in Cairo A H 1282

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1139

Scribe سعد محمد بن عبد الله الكافي

No 571

fol 97 lines 23 size 9×6 $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another copy of the same

Written in good Naskh Not dated apparently 13th century

No 574

fol 113 lines 27 size $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ $9 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

مسعه المدا في ايات وجه الوزن و آله المبران

MUTTASI'AT AL MÎDÂN FÎ ISBÂT
WAJH AL WAZN WA 'ÂLAT
AL MÎZÂN

A very rare work dealing exclusively with the theological question of the divine record of the good and bad action of men and of the scales in which those records will be weighed on the Day of Judgment according to the views of orthodox Muhammadans based on the Qur'an and Hadîs. The Mutazilî and some other sects of Muhammadans explain those passages of the Qur'an and Hadîs allegorically and take them to be figurative representations of God's system of justice. The work also deals with some other connected points.

Author Abdalqadir bin Muhammad bin Ahmad bin Mubarak bin Abdallah ar Rashîdî بن عبد الله بن مبارك بن أحمد بن مبرك بن عبد الله بن راشد a Qadî of Constantine (in Africa) of the 11th century A H belonging to the Malîkî school.

Beginning —

حمد المعظم الوزن و بعد يقول القاضي
وهو الراجي عفو العاد الواسدي سعد العادر
مس دم ا س ان سمي مسعه المدا في ايات وجه الوزن و آله
المبران الح *

At the end the author gives us his genealogical table in which he traces his descent from Ali the 4th Caliph.

Written in Magrabî character. Not dated apparently 11th century A H.

No 575.

foll 9, lines 23 size $8 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

حاشية على رسالة علاماء الساعة

HÂSHIYA'I'U 'ALÂ RISÂLA'I' I 'ALÂMÂ'I' AS SÂ'AH.

An annotation of the gloss of 'Alî al Ajhûnî (*d* A H 1066 = A D 1656) on the treatise of Ibn Abî Zaid which describes the signs of the times, heralding the Resurrection and the Day of Judgment

By 'Alî ash Shâibânî علي السيباني, a scholar of the 11th century A H, a pupil and disciple of the above-mentioned 'Alî al Ajhûnî

Beginning

الحمد لله رب العالمين و الصلوة و السلام . . على سيد المرسلين
و على آله و صحبه اجمعين و بعد فنقول العدد القدر الى رب العلى
على السيدى الساعى هذه رساله تتعلق بعلامات الساعة عن سيدى
على الا حموري في حاشية على رساله ابن ابى زيد قال سيدى
الا حموري اول استراط الساعة - روح التركة ، الح *

No other copy of the present annotation is known to us

Written in fair Naskh Not dated, apparently 12th century

A H

No. 576

foll 18, lines 17, size $9 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $7 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$

الا جوبة المصرية

AL AJWIBA'I' AL MISRÎYAH.

A treatise containing the replies of the author to 53 questions, most of them relating to points of theology, addressed to him in 75 couplets by one Muhammad Sibî Ahmad The treatise consists of 54 couplets as well as prose, and was composed in A H 1100

I Foll 1-2 Contents The questions (in 75 couplets)

II Foll 3-4^a The replies (in 54 couplets)

III Foll 4^b-18 Detailed replies to the questions (in prose)

Author Muhammad bin 'Abdalbâqî bin Yûsuf az Zarqânî
الرفاعي، محمد بن عبد الباقي بن يوسف، an eminent scholar of Egypt of the

12th century A H who worked as a professor of different branches of learning in several institutions of Egypt. He composed several treatises on different subjects. His detailed commentary on Muwatta (see Lib Cat vol 1 part 1 No 121) which was printed in four volumes in Cairo A H 1280 won special recognition and his commentary on Qastallani's Al Mawahib was also highly appreciated by scholars and traditionists. He was born in A H 1052 and studied under his father and many others. He died in A H 1122 = A D 1710 see Brock vol 1 p 176 Tajat Tabriqa (Lib copy) vol 11 fol 287

Beginning —

الحمد لله وكفى وسلام على عباده الذين اصطفى و قد حاوينا بعض الناس ناسئله جمعها من امكن شئى وجعلها بطلاً والله اعلم بالمعتمد الحج *

In its versified form the first question which enquires whether it is true that there were men like ourselves before the time of Adam begins thus —

لك الله دنا ربى وعرفت اسئل حسن جنام ادنى العرب ندرل
وهل انا اخلق وكان لهم دنا وفي الارض قد كانوا وعاسوا وطولوا

The reply to this point which is in the negative runs thus —

دأب الله الله ان هو اول وبعد اقبل على الذى هو اصل
اصح اصلا ل آدم ادم ولا امم مس ا ا ل

The same question with the reply in prose begins thus —

اولنا هل كان قبل ادم ادم وامم حوانه هذا شئى لا يصح كما
دكة عبر واحد الحج *

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1279

No 577

fol 23 lines 21 size 9 × 6½ 7 × 4

The Same

Another copy of the same Written in good Naskh Dated
A H 1289

Scribe ابو النعاس صالح سعد

No. 578.

foll 10, lines 21 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 4$.

رد الجاهل الى الصواب

و

الحق اليقين

RADD AL JÂHIL ILÂ AS SAWÂB
WA

AL HAQQ AL YAQÎN.

(Two small treatises on two different points of theology by the same author, bound in one volume)

Foll 1-8 Radd Al Jâhil Ilâ As Sawâb A treatise discussing the theological point whether the attribution of supernatural powers to human beings, alive or dead, is to be taken in its literal sense or in an allegorical sense only, such powers being derived from God and to be attributed to Him alone The question of praying to dead saints for assistance is also discussed, and is held by the author to be valid The present treatise was composed in less than a single day in A H 1090

Beginning —

الحمد لله شارع الاحكام و مدين الكلال و الحرام اما بعد و بعد
العدد العبر عدد العنى بن اسماعيل النابلسى الكنعى القادري
القسدي هذه رساله عملتها فى صحة نسخة التأخير الى كل شئ
بحسب الظاهر على يد الانسان الولي و غيره من المدب و الحى الح *

The colophon runs thus

صعدنا هذه الرساله اول من رصه ، يوم سنة احدى و تسعين و اله *

الح *

Foll 8^b-10 Al Haqq Al Yaqîn A treatise discussing briefly the theory that mankind came into existence out of non-existence, and that everything human must ultimately perish The present treatise was composed at one sitting in A H 1108

Beginning

الحمد لله العناج العليم هذا كتاب كريم ملته فى
مجلس واحد يوم الثلاثاء و الساع من صفر سنة ثمان و مائة

و الف و ه الحق العنى اعلم ان كل انسان حادث
 ~ ه ليس منه شئ قدّم الح *

Author Abdalḡalib bin Isma'il An Nabḡlusī اسماعیل بن اسماعیل the most famous Hanafī scholar and author of his age who composed a large number of works In all 85 works of the author are enumerated in Brock vol II pp 345-48 He received spiritual training under two orders of Sufism viz the Qadiriyyah and the Naqshibandiyyah He was born in 1100 and died in Damascus A H 1143 = A D 1730 See Silk Ad Durar part III pp 31-38 Taj al Tabaqat vol VII fol 557

Both the treatises are written in Naskḥ and by the same scribe Not dated apparently 12th century 11

No 579

fol 12 lines 30 size 10×7 7×4

الصارم الهندي

AS SĀRAM AL HINDĪ

A treatise composed in Mecca 1104 consisting of replies to a series of questions relating to the mystical and theological doctrines of a famous Indian Sufī Mujaddid as Sihrindī¹ (d A H 1035 = A D 1626) contained in his Maktubat (for a copy of which see this Library's Persian Hand list No 1388) The questions referred to above were sent by Indian scholars to the scholars of Mecca in 1103 with the object of eliciting their views on the doctrines of Mujaddid

Author Hasan bin Alī al al Hanafī Ajamī حسن بن علی الحنفی a famous scholar of the 12th century A H who had settled permanently in Mecca See Hada'iq al Hanafiyyah p 456 He was a disciple of the famous Sufī of Mecca Ibrahim bin Hasan al Kurani (d A H 1101 = A D 1689 see Silk Ad Durar vol VI p 5)

Beginning —

الحمد لله رب العالمين و العافية للمعنى اما بعد بعد ورد من الهند
 الى الحرمين في اثناء ثلاث و تسعين سؤال عن احمد السرهندي و عن

¹ The present spelling is that given in Subl at al Marajan fol 107 but commonly the word is spelt Sarhandi

كلماته السديعه المدعولة من مكتوباته و عمن تلفظ بها و اعتددها او رويها
 وأشار على مولانا الشيخ المالك ابراهيم بن حسن الكوراني ان اجبه ، على
 ذلك السؤال واستعده ، يا لله العجيب *

The author tells us, in the preface, that when the above-mentioned questions reached the scholars in Mecca, he was asked by his Shaiikh, Ibrâhîm al Kûrânî, to reply on the subject. He further refers briefly to the punishments (imprisonment in Guwâlîyân Fort and the tearing-out of his beard) inflicted on Mujaddid by the Emperor Jahângîr (A H 1014-1037 = A D 1605-1627) only for uttering doctrines reflecting on the merits of the first Caliph. The other mistaken and harmful doctrines of Mujaddid which would have brought still more severe punishments on his head, were not brought to the notice of the Emperor by his contemporaries, since they had mercy on him.

اما احمد السمرهندي فقد عرفه . الشيخ عبد الحق الدهلوي الكشمي
 و رحمه في الطريق تاج الدين العثماني الا ان الشيخ عبد الحق تلامه ،
 به في رسالته التي كتبها اليه و بين له فيها فتح ماهو عليه حقه ، قال و اظن
 انك في باطنك لست ، كما كتبت ، و كذا تلامه ، به معاصرة حقه ، لم يخبروا
 سلطان الهند السلطان حمانيقير بن حلال الدين اكبر الا بتدقيده ، لسيدنا اني ذكر
 الامديق رضي الله فاهاه و امر بدته ، لحنته و حنسه . في قلعة فواليار
 العجيب *

The following eminent Sûfis and scholars who criticised Mujaddid's *Maktûbât*, are quoted

I 'Abdalhaqq Ad Dihlawî (*d* A H 1052 = A D 1642)

II Ibrâhîm al Kûrânî (*d* A H 1101 = A D 1689)

III Muhammad bin 'Abdar Rasûl al Baizangî (*d* A H 1103 = A D 1691)

Each of the unlawful doctrines of Mujaddid, taken from *Maktûbât*, which is translated into Arabic prefaced by the word *محرر* (written in red ink), is fully discussed and refuted. It is held by the author that Mujaddid was guilty of the serious sin of infidelity.

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1118

No 580

foll 357 lines 19 size $11\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ $9 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

حجة الله المألغة

HUJJAT AL ALLÂH AL BÂLIGAH

A beautifully written and illuminated copy of an excellent work looked upon as a standard authority on theology and marked by special critical acumen. The work deals with the main theological points and is based on the Qur'an, Hadis and the opinions of reliable authorities.

Author Ahmad bin Abdarraḥīm ʿAlī bin ʿAbd al-Raḥmān, commonly called Shāh Wahallāh ʿAlī bin ʿAbd al-Raḥmān (d. A.H. 1176 = A.D. 1762 see Lib Cat vol v part 1 No 125)

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي طربنا على ملة الاسلام *

The work has been repeatedly lithographed in India and was printed in Bulaq A.H. 1294

Written in Nas ta liq Dated A.H. 1240

No 581

foll 4 lines 16 size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

الحكمة السنية

AL KHARĪDAT AL BAHĪYAH

A versified treatise on theology containing 70 couplets dealing with certain important points of the subject.

Author Ahmad bin Muhammad al Adawī ad Dardīrī ʿAlī bin ʿAbd al-Raḥmān, a scholar of the 12th century A.H. He was born in A.H. 1127 and died in A.H. 1201 = A.D. 1786 see Brock vol ii p 353. The author himself composed a commentary on the present treatise for a copy of which see Berlin No 2454. A gloss on this commentary by Ahmad bin Muhammad as Sawī (d. A.H. 1241 = A.D. 1825) is mentioned in Cairo vol ii p 18.

Beginning —

بقول راحي رحمه العبد ʿAlī bin ʿAbd al-Raḥmān
الحمد لله العلي الواحد العالم الفرد العلي ʿAlī bin ʿAbd al-Raḥmān

Written in fair Nashḥ Not dated apparently 13th century
A.H.

No. 582

foll 27, lines 21, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

الدر النصيد في اخلاص كلمة التوحيد

AD DURR AN NADÎD FÎ IKHLÂSÎ
KALIMAT A'Î 'I'AWHÎD.

A theological treatise on the subject of visiting tombs, and praying to departed saints for assistance (الدعاء بالاستعانة), specially near their tombs. The author holds that the visiting of tombs is valid, to the extent permitted by the Prophet, but that prayers for assistance, addressed to dead persons in the faith that they can exercise their influence on our behalf, are invalid in Islâm.

Author Muhammad bin 'Alî ash Shawkânî الركني (d. A. H. 1250 = A. D. 1834, see Lib. Cat., vol. v, part II, No. 330). He was a scholar of independent spirit, and was not a follower of any of the four schools (Hanafî, Mâlikî, Shâfi'î and Hanbalî). In his work, Al Qaul al Mufid, he holds that it is not compulsory in Islâm to be a follower of any of these four schools.

Beginning —

احمدك ، لا اله الا الله ، كما ائند ، على نفسك اله *

The author says, in the preface, that the present work consists of replies to questions referred to him by one Ahmad bin Muhammad.

The present copy, which is a transcription of an autograph copy, was compared with the latter in A. H. 1292.

The treatise was recently printed (A. D. 1923) in Cairo.

Written in fair Naskh. Dated A. H. 1292.

Scribe س من م س

No. 583.

foll 29, lines 11, size 8×6 , $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

تسويلات الفلاس

TASWÎLÂT AL FALÂSIFAH.

A very useful manual, containing brief refutations of the philosophical theories relating to physics and metaphysics which are contrary to Islâmîc principles. The author divides such theories into three classes.

1 Theories directly contrary to Islamic principles are dealt with under the heading **فلسوف** (Fictions of the Philosophers)

ii Theories not inconsistent with Islamic beliefs are dealt with separately

iii Theories in agreement with the Qur'an are denoted by the words **موافق** و **مولى حق** For the rest the arrangement and divisions of the present work are the same as in *Hidayat al Hikmat* a well known work on philosophy by Asiraddin (d A H 663 = A D 1264 see Brock vol 1 p 464)

The work is divided into two main divisions الطبعات and الآلهات and includes a *Khatimah* (epilogue). Each of the two main divisions of the work is subdivided into three *Fanns* في

I 61 411 (Physics)

1. Foll 1-8 The first Fann deals briefly with indivisible atoms matter and form motion place and time العن الاول وما نعم
الاحسام

u Foll 8^b—14 The 2nd Fann deals with the heavens the universe and the celestial spheres *العن الثاني في العلكاب*

iii Foll 15-19 The 3rd Fann deals with the elements divided into two parts العنصر الثالث في العنصرين

II (Metaphysics) الآلهيات

1. Foll 20-23^a The first Fann deals with the principles classes and divisions of existence *العلم الاول في المقاسم الاول و للوجود*

u Foll 23^b-26 The 2nd Fann deals with the existence of God and His attributes العلم بالله والعلم بالصانع وصفاؤه

iii Foll 27-29 The 3rd Fann deals with the angels الجن الملائكة

III The khataimah (epilogue) summarises in 5 lines the rejected and accepted theories

Beginning —

يا الله العزير الحكيم و تحنن علي رسوله الرف الرحيم و بعد
هذه سرولات عن انفس العباسه مع سى ما فيها من الاعوجاج و اما البوكل
علي الله العزير العال و الله الاحنح و انا عند الله رب العلق الصغراو

د. طه‌ور الحق *

Author — Abu Sa'id Zahuralhaqq ابو سعيد طهوز الحق a well known scholar of the 13th century A H of Patna This author is mentioned incidentally in Mir at al Kaunain p 452 Hasrat in his kulliyat fol 108^b gives the date of his death as A H 1279 One Mu

hammad Sâfi, the pupil and nephew of the author, in his note on the title-page, tells us that the present MS is the original draft of the author

Written in Nasta'liq Shikashtâ'miz Dated A H 1226

No 584

fol 307, lines 23, size $14\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$, 11×6 .

الترجمة العبرية والصولة الكيدرية

A'I' I'ARJUMA'I' AL 'ABQARÎYAH WA AS SAWLAT AL HÂIDARÎYAH.

The present work is an Arabic translation of Tuhfa' Isnâ'ashaiyâh by Shâh 'Abdal'aziz (d A H 1239 = A D 1824) the most popular of all the works in Persian which have been written in refutation of the Shi'a doctrines and in condemnation of their observances. Hence the present work is the subject of numerous controversial compositions on the part of both the Shi'a and Sunnî communities.

By Hâfiz Gulâm Muhammad bin Shaikh Muhiaddîn bin Shaikh 'Umar حاتم علام محمد بن شيخ محي الدين بن شيخ عمر، commonly called al-Asmâ'i، a scholar of Madras of the 13th century A H, who mentions Bahr al 'Ulûm (see No 548 above) as his teacher, thus شيخنا الامام ابو العباس عبدالعلي بن مولانا نظام العلماء والدين الانصاري قدس الله الناري مؤلفها. The present translation was completed in Madras, A H 1227, during the lifetime of the author of Tuhfa' Isnâ'ashaiyâh. The object of the translator, as he says in the preface, is to extend the usefulness of Tuhfa, and to facilitate its study among Arabic scholars who are not acquainted with the Persian language. The translator occasionally adds certain useful notes of his own.

Beginning

ان احي كلمة سمي تكميلاً فواتح الخط . والكاتب و اصدق
بجده لسدي تدبر منها لوائح الكسح و الخطاب مدرج محض . . اما بعد
فيقول العدد انه رحمه الحافظ علام محمد ابن الشيخ محي الدين
ابن الشيخ عمر المدعو بالاسلمي سمته بالترجمة العبرية و الصولة
الكيدرية و اريد في بعض المعام ما يندسه من الكلمات من شرائه .
العوائد الخ *

father of the founder of that school. Hence the present author is sometimes known as 'Abdalwahhâb. He was born in 'Amîyah (a city in Najd), A H , 1115 = A D 1703. He went through a course of Arabic literature under his father and some others. He spent some years in travel in different parts of Arabia, and in the study of the Qur'ânic branches, tradition and jurisprudence. He also spent some time at Ispahân in the society of learned men. In A H 1153 he returned to his native place, where he organised the new school and began to preach and to proselytise. We are told by two reliable contemporary scholars the author of *As Sawâ'iq* (No 588 below) and the writer of the *Taqîd* on the same, that Muhammad bin 'Abdalwahhâb put forward a number of unsound principles and unwarranted theories, and so strictly limited the scope of Islam that it would hardly be possible for us to count even one-third of the entire Muhammadan population, either of the past or the present age, as embraced within it. According to the principles of his school, even many leaders of Islam, including leading Sûfis and scholars, are guilty of infidelity, and as such are liable to be declared non-Muhammadans. However, a large number of the people of Najd adopted his views. His growing influence excited the opposition of the rulers of the district, who compelled him to leave the place. He left Najd for Dar îyah, where he took asylum under the protection of the Amîr of that place, Muhammad bin Sa'ûd, who favoured him and showed him marked sympathy. Soon after he gave the Amîr his daughter in marriage, and this greatly strengthened his position. This matrimonial alliance, together with the arresting power of his personality, gave a great impetus to his cause, and thus the number of his followers increased considerably. In A H 1170, he and the Amîr jointly, with the object of establishing a new independent empire, declared a Jihâd (holy war) against Muhammadan kings, chiefs and rulers, who disregarded the doctrines of his school. The author of *As Suhub* on fol 171^a, tells us that a number of scholars, who opposed his views, were killed under his orders, and that he specially deputed a man to kill his own brother, Sulaimân, for composing *Al Fasl al Khitâb*, a work containing a full criticism and refutation of Muhammad bin 'Abdalwahhâb's doctrines. This Jihâd was successful in certain parts of Arabia. On the Amîr's death in A H 1179 A D 1765, his son 'Abdal'azîz, and the grandson of the founder of the school, succeeded him, and continued fighting giving fresh impetus to the new school. In A H 1206, after the founder's death, 'Abdal'azîz combined in his own person the religious as well as the military leadership, and in this joint capacity pushed his conquests to the remotest corners of Arabia. He wrote

a letter to Fath Ali Shah the king of Persia drawing his attention briefly to the innovations adopted by the Shi'a sect and explaining the main principles of his school For this letter and the King's reply to it see Persian Hand list No 1334 The writer was suddenly killed by a Persian fanatic in A H 1218 = A D 1803 He was succeeded by his eldest son Sa'ud who was as talented as his father and even braver He captured Mecca and Medina and nearly the whole of Arabia fell under his sway while he also gained many notable victories over the Turks His death in A H 1229 = A D 1814 however arrested the progress of the Wahhabi dynasty Abdallah the son of Sa'ud succeeded his father Personally brave he lacked the gifts requisite for a religious leader and could not maintain his hold over the Arab tribes In A H 1233 = A D 1817 he was taken prisoner by Ibrahim Pasha the leader of an expedition against him organised by the Turks and by Muhammad Ali the first Khedive of Egypt He was sent to Constantinople where he was beheaded in that year Amin Shami (d A H 1252 = A D 1836) in his work Ar Radd al Muhtar in the chapter on ماء makes the following interesting reference to these events —

كما وقع في زماننا في اتباع عدد الوهاب المحدثي حرجوا عن التمسك
و تعلموا على الحرمات وكانوا يفتكرون مذهب الكفالة لكنهم اعدوا
انهم هم الاله اذ من حاله اعدادهم مسركون واستباحوا بذلك
فل اهل السنة والحكمة و قتل علمائهم حتى كسر الله سرهم و طعنهم
عساكر اهل عام باب و بلس و مانس و الف *

Though this defeat decisively destroyed the power of the Wahhabi dynasty yet the doctrines of the school and the reforms introduced by its founder spread in certain countries even in India The first leader of the Wahhabi movement in India was Sayyid Ahmad who was slain in A D 1831 in an engagement with the Sikhs under Shih Singh

Muhammad bin Abdalwahhab the founder of the school and the author of the present work died in A H 1206 = A D 1792 See Brock vol II p 390 Ithaf p 413 Hughes Dictionary of Islam p 659 Arabic Authors p 16 Faith of Islam by Rev Edward Sell p 101

Beginning —

كتاب التوحيد و قول الله تعالى ما خلف الحق و الانس للعددين
و قوله لقد وعدنا في كل امه رسولا الحج *

For a copy of the present work see Bi Mus Suppl, No 220 2
 The work was recently printed in Cano A H 1342
 Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1258

No. 586.

fol 14, lines 21 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, 6×4

اصول الايمان

USÛL AL 'IMÂN.

Another work by the same Muhammad bin 'Abdalwahhâb noticed under No 585 above expounding certain other doctrines of his school divided into 12 Bâbs

The following note on the title-page tells us that the present is a revised and enlarged edition of the work with certain additions by one of the author's sons —

هذا كتاب اصول الايمان تأليف الشيخ الامام محمد بن عبد الوهاب
 المحدثي و قد زاد فيه بعض اولاده زيادة حسنة الح *

Beginning

باب معرفة الله والايمان به عن ابى هريرة رضى الله عنه قال قال
 رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم انا اعدى الشركاء عن الشرك ، ومن عمل عملا
 اشرك به معى غيري تركته و شركه رواه مسلم الح *

Written in fair Naskh Not dated, apparently 13th century A H.

No. 587

fol 13, lines 28 size $12 \times 8\frac{1}{2}$, $10 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$

شرح رسالة محمد بن عبد الوهاب.

SHARḤ U RISÂLA'I MUḤAMMAD BIN 'ABDALWAHHÂB.

A rare commentary on a treatise of Muhammad bin 'Abdalwahhâb (for whose life see No 585 above) The treatise enumerates certain acts and dogmas professed by Muhammadans which being in the author's opinion contrary to Islamic principles and laws stamp the doers and believers of the same as polytheists

The name of the commentator is not known to us but the fact that he refers to the author as ^{أبي} (my teacher) gives us reason to hold that he was one of his pupils and is accordingly a scholar of the 13th century A H

Beginning —

قال رحمه الله محمد بن عبد الوهاب الحمد لله رب العالمين
وصلى الله على محمد وآله وصحبه وسلم روى مسلم في صحيحه
عمر بن عيسى السلمي الح *
عمر بن عيسى السلمي الح *

Written in fair Naskh Not dated apparently 11th century A H

No 588

fol 291 lines 10 size 10½ x 6½ 7½ x 4

الصواعق ر الرمود

AS SAWÂ'IQ WAAR RU'ÛD

A rare commentary on At Tatfif a work of Abdalaziz who succeeded Muhammad bin Abdalwahhab as leader of the Wahhabi school for both of whom see No 585 above At Tatfif is a work expounding the dogmas and theories of the school composed by Abdalaziz in the form of a general notification addressed to the scholars and Qadis of the world inviting them to subscribe to the views of the said school In the opinion of its author this treatise was based on such sound principles and contained such excellent reasoning that it was his firm belief that no one would be able to refute it Hence the present commentator put himself forward to write a commentary refuting the author's views and succeeded in refuting them by reference to the Quran Hadis and the words of reliable authors

The commentary is preceded by a detailed Muqaddimah divided into the following 5 Maqas which contain an account of Muhammad bin Abdalwahhab and a description of his dogmas and theories together with a criticism and refutation of the theory given out by the followers of the Wahhabi school that their doctrines agree with those of Ibn Taimiyah (d A H 728 = A D 1328) Ibn Qayyim (d A H 751 = A D 1351) and Ibn Muflih (d A H 761 = A D 1361) the well known doctors of the Hanbali school

- i Foll 3-31^a الاول ما ورد عن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم في خروج
هذا الصلال المصلح *
- ii Foll 32-39^a الثاني في حدود العقنة و مفسأها
- iii Foll 39^b-56 الثالث في مئائته ابن عدد الوهاب لابن يهية و الرد عامة
- iv Foll 57^b-63 الرابع في مئائته ابن عدد الوهاب لابن القنم
- v Foll 64-67 الخامس في الرد عليه من كلام ابن معالج فهو من اعين
العلماء

The commentary proper begins on fol 68, thus

و هذا آوان السروع في شرح رساله الطعنه ، و تدنن ما فيها من الروز
و الكذب و التكويه ، الح *

Each passage of the text is quoted verbatim, and is underlined
The explanation of each underlined passage is followed by a refutation
The preface of the text runs thus

الحمد لله رب العلمين و العافيه للمتمدين ولاعدوان الا على الظالمين
قال الله تعالى ان الدين عدده الاسلام و راس الاسلام زيادة ان لا اله الا الله
و الصلوة و السلام على محمد و آتم المبدئين و المرسلين و على آله و صحبه
الهمعن من عدد العرير ابن سعود الى من يراه من العلماء و الصا في
الحرمين و الشام و العراق و سائر علماء السوء سلام عليكم و رحمه الله و بركاته
الح *

Commentator — 'Abdallâh bin Dâ'ûd az Zubairî داود بن داود
عبد الله بن داود، a scholar of vast information, who was born in Zubair
(Basra), and studied under Muhammad bin Fîruz (d A H 1216 =
A D 1801) and some others. He died in A H 1225 = A D 1810, see
As Suhub, fol 155^b, where the present commentary is mentioned,
with the remark that it is not only a commentary on At Tatfif, but
is also to be regarded as an excellent independent work in refutation
of the Wahhâbi dogmas

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي جعل الافعال مبران الا قوال فمن ادعى ما ليس فيه
كذبته شواهد الاحوال و من اتبع هداة بعد فار دماء اما بعد فانه لما اظهر
ابن عدد الوهاب ... و دعى الى ما رآه من الا باطل و انتدع و شهر

سيف العبد على ا ا ن و امرتكعدهم و فلفم احمعس ر حرم
 ينطلد الامه من سماعه عام ورم انه لا يصح الاسلام الا بدنه احب الهجرة
 لله واسل كنه و مراسله الى البلدان بدعوا اهلها برعنه الى بوحدد الرحمن
 فمن بدعه و ترك ما هو عليه فهو المؤمن و من حاله فهو الكافر
 المسرك ر ان كل من اكار العلماء الح *

Copies of two eulogistic reviews (in 8 foll) of the present work are attached at the beginning

i Foll 1-4 Copy of the review dated A H 1210 by Muhammad bin Firuz teacher of the commentator as noticed above

ii Foll 4^b-8 Copy of the review dated A H 1210 by one Muhammad bin Abdallatif

The dates of the above referred to reviews suggest that the present commentary was composed in or before A H 1210

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1270

No 589

fol 138 lines 19 size 7½ x 5½ 5 x 3½

مصباح الانام ر حلاء الطلام

MISBÂH AL ANÂM WA JALÂ' AZ ZALÂM

A rare work in refutation of the theories and doctrines of Muhammad bin Abdalwahhab the founder of the Wahhabî school (see No 585 above) divided into 17 Fasl The present work which was composed in Meccah is the second of the two works of this author on the subject The author refers in the present work to his earlier work on the subject which is known as المنكر على الاكاره Seven reliable works on the same subject by different authors are quoted and referred to by our author of which he specially mentions the work No 588 above

Author Alawî bin Ahmad bin Hasan bin Abdallah bin Ahmad bin al Haddad احمد بن حسن بن عبد الله بن احمد الحداد a Shafî scholar of Arabî who flourished in the 13th century A H

Beginning —

الحمد لله كا ، الكروب و محلى الخطوط الح *

The copy is not dated, but the fact that the words **كان الله**, and **على الله** (which are never used except when referring to a living person) are used by the scribe of the author gives us reason to hold that the present copy was written in the 13th century during the life-time of the author.

We are not acquainted with any other copy of the present work
Written in Naskh

No 590.

fol. 133, lines 26 size 10×7, 8½×5

مهاج التنزيه

MINHÂJ A'Î 'Î'ANZÎH.

A Wahhâbî work in refutation of Sulh al Ikhwân, which comprises a Muhâkamah (comment and decision) on the disputed points between Muhammad bin 'Abdalwahrâb and others, composed by Dâ'ûd bin Sulaimân, a scholar of Bagdâd of the 13th century. A H

Author 'Abdallatif bin 'Abdairrahmân bin Hasan اللطيف، a Mufti of Najd of the 13th century. A H, belonging to the Wahhâbî school. In the preface he tells us that the above-mentioned Sulh al Ikhwân is not worthy to be called a Muhâkamah as its author did not take an impartial view in that work, but rather himself took part against Muhammad bin 'Abdalwahrâb. Hence the present work was written in refutation of the same. The passages from Sulh al Ikhwân are introduced by the words, **قال** العرامى and the refutation by the word **الحوار**.

Beginning

الحمد لله الذى نرى فى الامم رسولا يتلو عليهم آياته . . . و مدرج الى رساله « ماها صلح الاخوان فيها من تحويه ، الكلام و الكذب على اهل العلم عن مواضع الحج *

The following note on the title-page indicates the author's name as well as the title of the work

مهاج التنزيه و التعديس فى الرد على المدطل داؤد بن سليمان بن رحمة لستخدام علامه الوفاء ، مفتى الديار المحمدية عدد اللطيفه ، ابن السنج عدد الرحمن بن رحمة *

The colophon runs thus —

أحرر ما وجدنا من هذا الكتاب في سنة منباج العبدس في الرد
على داود بن سليمان بن حرجس الكتب *

The work seems to be rare not being mentioned in any catalogue
Written in fair Nāṣḥī Not dated apparently 13th century

A H

SHĪ'A THEOLOGY

No 591

fol 235 lines 24 size 10 × 7 7 × 4

إمام المعصية في إثبات العبد و ك ، الكثرة

TAMÂM AN NI'MAH FÎ ISBÂT AL- GAIBAH WA KASHF AL HAIRAH

(Designated in Kashf al Hujub fol 120 Kitāb Al Gaibah)

A rare work containing a detailed exposition of the Shī'a theory that Muhammad bin Hasan the 12th and last Imam of their sect is not dead but is alive though he is out of our sight (This theory is called Al Gaibah) According to Shī'a belief the above mentioned Imam will reappear at the appointed time and full particulars of when that time will be are given in the present work In support of his theory the author enumerates in detail cases of Gaibah which have happened to other prophets and quotes several Hadīs on the point The present theory is criticised by Ibn Taimiyyah a Sunni scholar (see No 528 above)

In the preface the author tells us that he was led to compose the present work because of the disbelief in Al Gaibah of the people of Nāḥapur and their hesitation to accept the doctrine and also because of a dream in which Alī (the 4th Caliph) urged him to write it

Author Abu Ja'far Muhammad bin Ali bin Husayn bin Musa bin Babawaih al Qummī أبو جعفر محمد بن علي بن حسن بن موسى بن

بابويه القمي (d A H 381 = A D 991, see Lib Cat, vol v, part II, No 263)

Beginning

الحمد لله الواحد العزى الصمد الحكى العادر الحكيم قال الشيخ
ابو جعفر محمد بن على بن حسن بن موسى بن بابويه القمي
ان الذى دعانى الى تألذه ، كتابى هذا ادى لما قصده ، وطرى من
رياسة على بن موسى الرضى رجعه ، الى دسائير فاعلمه ، بها فوحدت
كثيرا من المختلفين الى من السبعة قد حدرتهم العبدية ودخله ، فى امر
العائم عليه السلام السبعة و عدلوا عن طريق التسليم الى الآراء و المعائنس
الصح *

Only one other copy of the work is known to us, for which see
Berlin, No 2721 where the work is designated كمال الدين و تمام العمه
فى انبأ العبدية و كسه ، الحيرة

Written in fan Naskh Dated A H 1044

No. 592

fol 258 lines 19, size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

الاحجاج

AL IH'ĪJĀJ.

A collection of the controveries of the Prophet with idolaters, Jews and Christians, also of the controversies of the 12 Imâms with their opponents, relating to theological and legal points The controversies take the form either of public expositions of doctrine or of set debates, or of written disputations The main object of the author, in his collection of the controveries of the 12 Imâms, is to obtain support for the Shî'â theories and their legal system from the records of those controveries, which deal almost exclusively with the subject of Imâmat and important legal points The author, first of all, in an introduction to the work upholds the admissibility under Islamic law of controversy on religious topics on the authority of the Qur'ân, Hadîs and standard works

Author Abû Mansûr Ahmad bin 'Alî bin Abî Tâlib at Tabrasi
ابو منصور احمد بن علي بن ابي طالب الطبرسي There are two authors

known as Tabrasī one being our author and the other Radiaddīn at Tabrasī (*d* A H 548 = A D 1153) Some authorities confuse the two and have ascribed the present work to Radiaddīn—as for example India Office No 166 and Brock vol 1 p 405 On the other hand Ibn Shahr Ashub (*d* A H 588 = A D 1192 see *Kashf al Hujub* fol 141) in his work *Al Mʿālim* and the author of *Muntaha al Maqal* fol 256 together with certain other biographers are emphatically of the belief that Abu Mansur is the author of the work See *Kashf al Hujub* fol 8^b where the present point is discussed and the authorship of Radiaddīn is rejected The date of the death of Abu Mansur is not given by his biographers but it would appear that he belonged to the 6th century A H from the fact that he mentions Abu Ja far Mahdī a traditionist of the 6th century A H as one of the *Shāikh*s from whom he received direct transmission as appears from the following passage on fol 21^a —

حدثني به السند العالم العابد ابو جعفر مهدي بن ابي حرب
 الحسيني المرعسي رضي الله عنه قال حدثني السبع الصدوق ابو سعد الله
 جعفر بن محمد قال حدثني السبع السعدي ابو جعفر محمد
 بن علي بن الحسين بن موسى بن داود العمي الح *

Further the above mentioned *Shahr Ashub* who died in A H 588 = A D 1193 refers to Abu Mansur in words used only of the dead which gives us reason to hold that he died before A H 588 *Four other works of Abu Mansur viz* معاجزة الطينة الكا في العقد and تاريخ الامم are mentioned by his biographers For the first two see *Kashf al Hujub* fol 112^b 142 respectively and for the last two works see *Muntaha al Maqal* fol 256

Beginning —

الحمد لله المتعالي عن صفات الملائكة *

For other copies of the work see India Office No 166 Asifiyah Library No 549

Written in good *Nash* Not dated apparently 10th century
 A H

No. 593.

foll 15, lines 15, size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$, 5×2

تجريد العقائد

TAJRÎD AL 'AQÂID.

A well-known and useful, concise treatise on theology divided into the following 6 Maqsads

(i) On *أمور عامة* (fundamental principles), (ii) *الحوادث و الأعراض* (substance and accident) (iii) *إثبات الصانع و صفاته* (proof of the Maker and of His attributes), (iv) *النبوة* (the nature of the mission of a Prophet), (v) *الإمامة* (the nature of the mission of an Imâm) (vi) *المعاد* (the end of the world) Each Maqsad is sub-divided into several Fasl

Author Abû Ja'far Nasîraddîn Muhammad bin Muhammad bin al Hasan at Tûsî الطوسي, the most prominent Shî'a scholar of Persia of his age, learned in scientific branches such as philosophy, theology logic astronomy and astrology. Most of his compositions are on these subjects and are regarded as standard authorities. He is the author of a large number of works in the Arabic and Persian languages, of which 25 Arabic works are mentioned in Brock vol 1, p 508. The author was the director of the astronomical observatory at Marâga. He is also known as an active politician. It was on his advice that Halâkû Khân attacked Bâgdâd, and he was the prime mover in the famous and lamentable events of A H 656 which ended in the slaying of the Caliph Musta'sim (A H 640-656 = A D 1242-1258) along with several thousand Abbasides in Bagdâd. The author is sometimes criticised for the inappropriate language used of the Sunnis and the first three Caliphs in the 4th and 5th Maqsads of the work, but Aṣiladdîn the author's son, defends his father from this charge, pointing out that he did not live to complete the work, and that the 4th and 5th Maqsads in question were added by Hillî, (d A H 726 = A D 1326, in regard to whom see No 594 below), one of his pupils who is generally regarded by the Sunnis as prejudiced against them. Cf the following passage found in Cano, vol 11, p 11

كان الناس مختلفين في ان هذا الكتاب (التخريد) لحواحه

نصر الدين ام لا فسألته انه حواحه اصل الدين عن ذلك قال كان

والذي وضع الى باب الإمامة و نبوي فكماله ابن المطهر *

Apart from the points disputed by the Sunnis the work has been generally appreciated and a number of scholars of both the Sunni and Shi'a sects have devoted careful study to it and have produced commentaries glosses and annotations on it to which Haj Khal vol 1 p 63 refers as follows —

و هو كتاب مسهب اعني به العكول و تكلموا فيه فاراد و العكول السج *

Tusi (the author) was born at Tus in 1 H 597 not in A H 607 as given by Broelmann vol 11 p 508 and by Huart in History of Arabic Literature p 321 He died in A H 672 = A D 1273 See Broel loc cit Majlis VII of Majalis al Mu'minin Mujmal Tasih fol 189^b Habib as Siyar vol 11 part 1 p 60 Fawat al Wafayat vol 11 p 186 Muntaha al Maqal fol 192 Browne Literary History of Persia vol 11 pp 484-6 Arabic Authors p 107 Dr Rieu in his Persian Cat vol 11 p 441 is wrong in giving the date of Tusi's death as A H 691

Beginning —

اما بعد حمد و احب الوجود سمنه بتكريد العباد *

For other copies of the treatise see Berlin No 1745 Leipzig No 109-21 Pet No 242 Bodl vol 1 Nos 129 172 520 Escur Nos 615 641 648 687 The text has been printed along with printed commentaries on the work

Written in Na'ta hq Dated A H 1068

No 594

fol 135 lines 15 size 6 × 3¹ 5 × 2¹

شرح بتكريد الكلام

SHARH U TAJRÎD AL KALÂM

(Designated in Muntaha al Maqal Kashf al Murad)

An incomplete copy of a commentary on the 3rd and 4th Maqasds of the preceding treatise A note written by some reader on the title page running thus القاب شرح بتكريد حبال الدس المطهر الحلى tells us that the present MS is part of the commentary on Tajrid by Hilli Passages from the text which are quoted verbatim are introduced by the word قال and the commentary on the same by the word اقول which we know from Haj Khal vol 1 p 63 was the system observed by Hilli in his commentary Further the passages quoted from Hilli's commentary by other commentators on Tajrid (see Nos 594 596 797 below) are found verbatim in the present MS We may therefore accept the statement

contained in the above-mentioned note that the present MS is part of Hillî's commentary on Tajrîd, composed in A H 694. The beginning of the commentary, as given in India Office, Nos 471-14, 694 is as follows

الحمد لله القاهر ساحاته العظيم سانه الحج *

The present incomplete copy begins thus -

قال المقصد القائل ، في ادب الامام تعالى و صفاته و آياته و فيه اصول الاول في وحدانية تعالى الموحد (الموحود) ان كان واحداً فهو المطلوب و لا استلزام لاستحالة الدور و التسلسل اقول يريد ادب واحد ، الوجود تعالى و بيان صفاته و بيان ما يجوز عليه و بيان ما لا يجوز و بيان افعاله و آياته الحج *

Hillî, whose full name is as follows Jamâladdîn Hasan bin Yûsuf bin Âli bin Âl Mutahhîr al Hillî بن يوسف بن علي بن المظفر الحلي - was a prominent Shî'a scholar, jurist and author of his age. He was born in A H 648. He studied religious subjects under his father and some others, and the scientific branches under Tûsî (see No 593, above). Though Hillî is not regarded as the equal of Tûsî in philosophy and logic yet he surpasses his teacher in tradition and jurisprudence. His compositions on different branches of learning exceed 500 in number. He is specially known among Sunnîs for his prejudice against them, and is criticised for the inappropriate language which he uses of the Sunnîs and of the first 3 Calîphs. He died in A H 726 = A D 1326. See Brock vol II, p 164, Muntahâ al Maqâl, fol 92^a, Manhaj al Maqâl, fol 73^a, Habîb as Siyar vol III, p 112.

For another and complete copy of the commentary see India Office, No 471-14. The work was lithographed in Tihîrân, A H 1310.

Written in Nasta'liq. Dated A H 1032.

Scribe محمد فرباعي

No. 595

fol 141, lines 24, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $5 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

تسديد العوائد

TASDÎD AL QAWÂ'ID.

A very valuable copy of a commentary on Tajrîd (see No 593 above). The present is the earlier of the two famous commentaries

on the work by two well known Sunni scholars and is known as *الشرح القديم* (The old commentary) The commentator praises the text and its author at length in his preface but on points of difference between Shi'a and Sunni doctrine he does not fail to criticise the views of the author and to point out his misapprehensions The commentary proved itself specially useful to scholars and scholars both Sunni and Shi'a have composed glosses on it and annotations See Haj Khal vol 1 p 63

By Shamsaddin Mahmud bin Abdarrahan al Isfahani *سمى* الدرس محمود بن عبد الرحمن الاصفهاني (d A H 749 = A D 1348 see No 621 above)

Beginning —

* الحمد لله المنوحد برحوب الوحد و سميته تسديد العواعد الخ *

For other copies of the work see Leid No 2009 Br Mus Suppl No 182 India Office No 406

The following colophon and a note below the same tell us that the present MS was transcribed from an autograph copy of the commentary by Qadi Sirajaddin al Hindi one of the author's pupils

The colophon runs thus —

مع الفراع من تعلية (من نسخة الـ) التي بخطه (يوم
الاثنين في السابع العشرين سنة اربع و ثلث و سعمائة *

The note below the colophon runs thus —

* هذا الشرح بخط القاضي سراج الدين الهندي تلميذ السراج *

The scribe Qadi Sirajaddin al Hindi whose full name is Umar bin Ishaq bin Ahmad was a native of Delhi who after completing his studies in India left that country for Egypt where he attended the lectures of the present commentator for a considerable period and soon after he was appointed a Qadi of the place and finally was raised to the rank of Chief Justice He died in A H 773 = A D 1371 see Ad Durar al Katminah vol 11 fol 93 Raf al Isr fol 183

No 596

fol 194 lines 27 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another beautifully written copy of the preceding commentary Written in Naskh within gold ruled borders It bears a frontispiece

A complete index of the contents in five foll, written by the scribe of the copy, is found at the beginning. Not dated, apparently 9th century A H

Scribe سرف الحافظ الملقب بنحيت

No. 597.

foll 363 lines 23 size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

الحاشية على تسديد العوام

AL HĀSHIYATU 'ALĀ 'TASDĪD AL
QAWĀ'ID.

A very popular and useful gloss on the preceding commentary, which was introduced into the course of higher studies in Theology in the Madrasahs of Constantinople during the life-time of the writer of the gloss. Many scholars have directed their special attention to the present gloss, and have produced several annotations of the same. See Hâj Khal, vol 1, p 63

By 'Alī bin Muhammad علي بن محمد, commonly called As Sayyid ash Sharīf al Jurjānī (d A H 816 = A D 1413, see Lib Cat, vol v, part II, No 356)

Beginning

قوله اما بعد حمد واحد ، الحمد على نعمائه من بالذكر من صفاته

العلى على ما شوا حص به اعلى الودود الدانى الح *

For other copies of the work see Berlin Nos 1748-50, Leipzig No 388, Br Mus Suppl, No 183, India Office Nos 407-8, Cairo vol II, p 17

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, apparently 9th century A H

No. 598.

foll 389, lines 25, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

شرح تجريد الكلام

SHARĤU 'TAJRĪD AL KALĀM.

The second of the two well-known commentaries on Al Tajrīd referred to under No 595 above, and known as السرح الجديد (the new

commentary) dedicated to Sultan Abu Saïd (A H 800-872=A D 1452-1467) of the Timurid dynasty. The present commentary beside incorporating the materials of Isfahani's commentary contains many useful explanations and critical notes specially on the disputed points between the Shi'as and Sunnis. This makes it a more comprehensive piece of work than Isfahani's and it has been much more often annotated than the latter which testifies to its superior value as a work of reference. See Haj Khal vol 1 p 63.

By Alauddin Ali bin Muhammad al Qushji علی بن محمد علی the favourite scholar of Sultan Uluç Big (d A H 850-853=A D 1447-1449) of the Timurid dynasty. He was a scholar of special fame in his age in Philosophy, Theology, Logic, Astronomy and Mathematics. His father was one of the servants on the staff of Uluç Big and the author in his boyhood used to look after his falcons. Hence he is known as Qushji (the falconer). Thus he gained the favour of Uluç Big from his very boyhood. He studied under Qudizadah (d A H 815=A D 1402) and many others. He completed his studies in Kirmān where he composed a treatise on the Moon. On his return from Kirmān to Samarqand he presented the treatise to Uluç Big who was famous for his devotion to Astronomy and Astrology. The Sultan's work on astronomical and chronological tables under the title of *Risāle-i ḥudūd-i sulṭānī* which was composed with the co-operation of the author is looked upon as a standard work on the subject. The Sultan fully appreciated the treatise of the young scholar and recognised his merits and appointed him director of the Astronomical Observatory which he himself had erected in Samarqand. Qushji some time after Uluç Big's death came to Tabriz and made himself known to Hasan the Sultan of Tabriz. Hasan marling the intelligence of our author deputed him to Constantinople to discharge the responsible political task of negotiating a treaty of peace between himself and Sultan Muhammad II (A H 855-886=A D 1451-1481) of the Ottoman dynasty. On the success of his mission he received special recognition from both the Sultans and returned to Tabriz. Soon after Muhammad II called our author to Constantinople. On his way there he composed a work on Mathematics which he entitled *Pisala-i Muhammadiyah* and this he presented to the Sultan on his arrival. He was at first appointed the personal adviser of the Sultan but his literary tastes led the author to request the Sultan for an appointment in the education service and he was appointed Principal of the Madrasah Aya Sufiyah. He died in A H 879=A D 1474. See Brock vol 11 p 234. Rieu Persian Catalogue vol 11 p 456. Hadaïq al Hanafiyah p 332.

The preface of the commentary is wanting in our copy, which begins without the preface, thus

اما بعد حمد واحد الوحد على دعائه و الصلوة و السلام على سدد
ادبياته و اكرم احبائه اى على آله و اصحابه الدين هم موصوفون بالكرم
و الريادة *

The preface of the commentary, as given in Hâj Khal, vol 1, p 63, begins thus

الحمد للکلام حمد الملك العالم الحج *

For other copies of the work see Wien, No 1535, Pet, Nos 195, 229, 303, India Office, Nos 409-16

The present commentary was lithographed in Persia A H 1274

Written in good Naskh Dated A H 932

Scribe قاسم بن زین العادى

Sayyid Safdai Nawwâb of Patna presented the present MS to the Library in A D 1906

No. 599

fol 296, lines 27, size $9\frac{1}{3} \times 5$, $6\frac{1}{3} \times 3$

The Same

Another copy of the preceding commentary, beginning like the above Written in Nasta'liq Dated Hyderabad A H 1026

Scribe نظام الدين احمد الملقب بملك العالمى

No. 600.

fol 348, lines 21, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $5\frac{1}{3} \times 3$

The Same

Another copy of the same Written in beautiful Naskh, with gold-ruled borders Bears a frontispiece Not dated, apparently 11th century A H

No 601

fol 164 lines 17 size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another (but incomplete) copy of Quṣṣī's commentary containing the commentary on the 2nd Maqṣad of At Tajrid and corresponding to fol 130-306 of copy No 598 above

Beginning —

ا مد الثاني في احوال الاراض و منه فصول الاول في احوال الاراض و منه فصول
 على وجود الكون •

Written in Nasta liq Dated A H 1267

Scribe صافي السمانى

A misleading note on the title page which runs thus ا مد الثاني على المعرود من شرح جمال الدين حسن بن سيف بن علي بن المطهر العلي tells us that the present MS is a copy of the commentary on the 2nd Maqṣad of At Tajrid by Hilli (see No 594 above) On the strength of this note the present commentary has been wrongly ascribed to Hilli in the Hand list No 1216

No 602

fol 116 lines 15 size $8 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ 5×2

The Same

Another incomplete copy of Quṣṣī's commentary covering the 3rd Maqṣad of At Tajrid and corresponding to fol 306-389 of copy No 598 above

Beginning —

ا مد الثالث في احوال الصانع تعالى و معانيه و اناة و منه فصول
 الفصل الاول في وجوده تعالى الموجود ان كان واحدا فهو المطلوب و ان
 استلزمه لا محالة الدر و ا ل استدلال على وجود الواحد تعالى ناه
 لا شك في وجوده الحق •

Written in Nasta liq Dated Shiraz A H 1076

Scribe علي ابن حاجي وصف سنارى

fol. 191, lines 17, size 10×7 , 7×4

الحاشية القديمة على شرح المنجريد

AL ḤÂSHIYA'Î'U AL QADÎMAH 'ALÂ
SHARH AÎ' TAJRÎD.

A very old copy of the first of the three glosses by Dawwânî on Qûshjî's commentary (see No 598 above), containing annotations of the commentary from the beginning to the chapter *صاحب السام فلكي*. The present gloss is commonly known as *Al-Hâshiyat Al-Qadimah* and is greatly esteemed by scholars. It was dedicated to Sultân *Khalîl Bâyardî* (A H 883-884 = A D 1478-1479).

By Muhammad bin As ad As Siddîqî ad Dawwânî (محمد بن اسعد الدواني) (d. A.H. 907 = A.D. 1501, see No 550 above) Sadraddîn, a contemporary scholar, on noticing the great popularity of the present gloss attempted to displace it in the popular favour and to win superior fame by a gloss of his own on Qushjî's commentary (see No 606 below), in which he criticised Dawwânî's work. Dawwânî, in reply to this challenge composed another gloss (see No 605 below). Again Sadraddîn wrote a gloss known as Al Hâshîyat As Sâniyah (see No 607 below), in refutation of Dawwânî's second gloss. Finally, Dawwânî wrote a third gloss fully criticising and refuting Sadraddîn, to which Sadraddîn failed to reply. Hâj Khalîfah, vol. 1, p. 163, tells us that long after Dawwânî's death and some time after the death of Sadraddîn, Giyâsaddîn (d. A.H. 949 = A.D. 1542, see No 622 below) Sadraddîn's son composed a gloss in reply to Dawwânî's third gloss referred to above. Sadraddîn failed to win superior fame over his rival, but, at the same time, he succeeded in securing recognition of his own merits.

Beginning

الحمد لله رب العالمين و الصلوة و السلام على محمد و اصحابه
 اجمعين . قوله في الكاشية لم يرد به معنى الح اقول مرادة بالريادة
 في الكملة الريادة بوجه ما وذلك لدس معنى بالنا كما طهه الح *

For other copies of the present gloss see Berlin, Nos 1757-9, Br Mus Suppl, No 184, India Office, Nos 417-20, Râmpūr Nos 95-99, 'Âsifiyah, No 395

Written in Nasta'liq Foll 1-30 are supplied in a later hand
Dated A H 974 A note on the title-page tells us that one Qâdî

Gulam Mustafa purchased the present MS at Shahjahanabad in the reign of Farrukh Siyar (A H 1124-1131 = A D 1713-1719)

No 604

fol 100, lines 27 size 9 x 6 8 x 3

The Same

Another copy of the same having marginal notes throughout
Written in Nasta liq Not dated apparently 12th century A H

No 605

fol 366 lines 19 size 9 x 5½ 6½ x 3½

الحاشية المحددة الى شرح الكرين

AL HÂSHIYAT AL JADÎDATU 'ALÂ SHARH I AT TAJRÎD

The second of the three glosses of Dawwani on Qushji's commentary (for some account of which see No 603 above) extending up to the chapter ماعنه The present gloss was composed in A H 890 in reply to Sadraddin's first gloss (see No 606 below)

Beginning —

لا حول ولا قوة الا بالله العلى العظيم اللهم اهدنا الصراط المستقيم

و بعد فاننا قد كتب في سالف الرمان حواشى على شرح

الكرد الح *

Dawwani tells us in the preface that he was not desirous of replying to Sadraddin since he well knew that the great popularity of his first gloss was the main cause of the rivalry and jealousy of Sadraddin but repeated requests of his friends compelled him to compose the present gloss in reply to Sadraddin Sadraddin's words are introduced verbatim with the word قوله and Dawwani's refutations with the word اقول

For other copies of the work see Asifiyah Library No 357 Rampūr Nos 98-99

Written in good Nasta liq Dated A H 1109

Scribe محمد اعط فاروقى

No. 606.

foll 147, lines 19, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

الحاشية الاولى على شرح التجريد

AL ḤĀSHIYA'Ī AL'ŪLĀ 'ALĀ SHARḤ
A'Ī 'ĪAJRĪD.

The first of the two glosses on Qushjī's commentary, written by Sadraddīn in reply to Dawwānī. The present work was written in refutation of Dawwānī's first gloss (see No 603 above), and was dedicated to Sultān Bāyazīd (A H 886-918 = A D 1481-1512) of the Ottoman dynasty.

By Sadraddīn Muhammad al Husainī ash Shīrāzī صدر الدين محمد الشيرازي, a noble and scholar of Shīrāz, known for his merits in theology and philosophy. He was born in Shīrāz A H 828, and was assassinated by Bāvandāī Turkamān in A H 903 = A D 1497 and not in A H 930 = A D 1523, as given in Haj Khal, vol 11, p 200 Kashf al Hujub, fol 49. See for his life Majlis VII of Majālis al Mu'mmīn, At Ta'liqātas Sanīyah, p 39, Brock, vol 11, p 204.

Beginning

صدر كلام ارباب التجريد حمد ورد بالابتداء تعقد من مسابقة
الامثال و الاكفاء . . . و بعد فاعول العنبر الحمبر السعير صدر السعدي
السيراري شرح الله صدره و رفع قدره اله *

The present gloss, after the passage quoted above (which agrees verbatim with that of the second gloss of Sadraddīn, No 607 below) runs thus

مد امليه ، لك ايمالدي المحقق الودودي على شرح الكديد
للتجريد . و التمس منك ان لاتبادر على انكاره قبل التأمل . . ثم
عليك الانكار والاعتراء . . . هو العلم باحوال المبدأ والمعاد اله *

Between the words اعتراف and هو العلم, in the passage quoted above, certain words are omitted in our copy. These can be supplied from the passage, as quoted verbatim (for refutation) in No 605 above.

No other copy of the work is known to us. Written in Nasta'liq. Dated A H 1107.

The following note on the title-page tells us that one Mīr Muhammad Hādī Husam, an Indian scholar, who lived in the reign of Aurangzib asked his son, Muhammad Ibrāhīm, to make the

present copy of the gloss and he completed the transcription in A H 1087 at Shahjahanabad —

میر محمد هادی حسینی عفی عنه اس حاشیہ را در سال چہاں آگاہ در سنہ ۱۰۸۷

سنگت مودہ ما بقراءت از عزیز بر خوردار ہوا العین محمد بن ابراہیم لیل عمرہ *

This note is attested by the seals of both the scholars mentioned above that of Mir Muhammad Hadı Husain being affixed above the note and that of Muhammad Ibrahim at the end

No 607

fol 323 lines 28 170 9¼ x 6¼ 3

الحاشیہ الثانیہ لمی سرح المکرر

AL HÂSHIYAT AS SÂNIYAH 'ALÂ SHARH AT TAJRÎD

The second of the two glosses by Sadraddın alı Shirazı written in reply to Dawwam's second gloss No 605 above. The present gloss was also dedicated like the first to Sultan Bayazıd. After the common beginning quoted in the notice on No 606 above the present gloss runs thus —

مد کتب کتب اول علی السرح الحد ما سرح لی فی انداز
المطالعه و اوان المناجیہ المظاہرہ ہم لاج لی انه مع لبعض التحلہ اشہاء
و ان بعضا من معقبات اطلعه من صوت الاسماء بحول و نظر الی من يقول
لتحلاله سانه ولا یطفر الی ما يقول الخ *

For other copies of the work see India Office Nos 424-25
Munich No 295

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 11th century A H
Foll 1-2 are supplied in a later hand

No. 608

foll 280, lines 17, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

الحاشية على حاشية الدواني

AL ḤĀSHIYAT 'ALĀ ḤĀSHIYAT AD
DAWWĀNĪ.

A detailed annotation of Dawwānī's first gloss (No 603 above), containing also an independent gloss on that portion of Qushjī's commentary (No 598 above), which was not dealt with by Dawwānī. The quotations from the text of At Tajiīd (No 593 above) are introduced by the words قال المصنف. Passages from Qushjī's commentary are introduced by the words قال السارح, and quotations from Dawwānī's gloss by the word فواه.

By Muzājān Habiballāh ash Shīrāzī مرزا حبيب الله الشيرازي, a well-known scholar of Shīrāz and a pupil of Dawwānī who was specially known for his merits in theology, philosophy and jurisprudence. His glosses and annotations in respect of works embracing the subjects referred to above are specially appreciated by scholars. He died in 994 = A.D. 1586 see Brock vol II p 414, Hāj Khalī, vol I, p 163, Raudat al Jannāt p 205.

Beginning —

قال المصنف ، اما بعد حمد واحد ، الوحد على نعمائه افول لا يدعد

ان يقال في ترك ، الموصوف ، ههنا ايماء لطيه ، الحج *

For other copies of the work see Berlin No 1761, B. Mus., No 387, India Office, Nos 421-22, Rāmpū Library, Nos 104, 106, 'Āsifiyah Library, No 8.

Written in Nasta'liq Dated A.H. 1012

No 609

foll 128, lines 17, size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

The Same

Another (but incomplete) copy of the preceding work, beginning abruptly thus قال السارح يدكر الصمير بامداد البحر لعل الكنه في يدكر - الصمير ههنا الحج - and corresponding to foll 204-276 of the preceding MS.

No. 612.

foll 311, lines 25, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

VOL II

Continuation of the preceding volume, beginning thus

قوله فيرد ان المركبات الخياله فعل يمكن ان يكون الحرف اصلا الى
 منسوي المركبات الخياله من المعدومات الممكنه الخ *

Corresponds with foll 137^b-196 of No 610 above

It is stated, at the end, that the present copy in two volumes is
 a transcription of an autograph copy, bearing the following colophon
 which tells us that the work was composed in Isfahân, 11064 —

ود روع الفراع من تسويده . سنة اربع وستين و اله ، على يد
 مولانا الفقير الراحى عفره حسنى بن حماد الدين محمد الكونسارى *

Written in fair Naskh Not dated, apparently 13th century 11064

Scribe اسد قط الدين الحياىي

Muhammad Bakhsh, the father of the founder of the Library in
 the following autograph note in Arabic remarks that he purchased
 these two volumes at an English auction in 11282

ود انتقل هذا الكتاب الى ملك اول العباد و احوجهم يوم يدا مداد
 الفقير المحمد بن محمد بن حسن بن باليع السلطاني اعلى نداك ، بدلام
 الا كبريه في تاريخ عشر من حمادي النانة سنة اله ، و مأيتن ادنا
 و بمانين من الهجره المدويه *

No. 613

foll 79, lines 25, size 10×6 , $7 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$

الكاشية على الكاشية القديمة

AL HÂSHIYAT U 'ALÂ AL HÂSHIYAT AL QADÎMAH.

An incomplete copy of an annotation of Dawwânî's gloss, No
 603 above

By Jamâladdîn Mahmûd ash Shîrâzî السمرارى a
 scholar of Shîrâz

A copy of the present work is noticed in Rampur No 105 but the date of the author's death is not mentioned in that or any other catalogue. He repeatedly refers however in the present work to Dawwani (d. A. H. 907 = A. D. 1510) as his teacher from which we may conclude that he himself was a scholar of the 10th century A. H. Jamaladdin on fol. 12^b points out in the following passage that in regard to certain points of philosophy Dawwani contradicts himself in two of his works viz. in his gloss No 603 above and in *Sharh Hayakil an Nur* (see Hand list No 1901) —

والعجب من الاسناد وفسر سره ادعى في حواشي التكميد ان
افراد المعوله التحركة لاندان يكون بالقوة و في شرح هذا كل الدور لاندان
تكون الافراد في نفس الامر حتى يصح العله الخ *

The fact that Mahmud ash Shirazi in referring to Dawwani in the present work employs the word *فسر سره* (used always of the dead) at once suggests that the present annotation was composed after Dawwani's death in A. H. 907.

Beginning —

قوله وفسر سره لم يرد به معناه الخ اعلم ان سند الـ في وفسر سره
لما اى ان المتعارف في الخطب بوحدة الصلوة بعد النبي صلى الله
عليه وسلم الى المتعدد على طريقى التسعة و اهل السند اذ ان يكمل
كلام المحقق الخ *

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 11th century A. H.

No 614

fol. 158 lines 16 size 7 × 4¹/₂ 4¹/₂ × 3¹/₂

الحاشية على حاشية الحصرى

AL HÂSHIYAT U 'ALÂ HÂSHYAT AL KHIDRÎ

An annotation of the gloss of Khidrî a scholar of the 9th century A. H., on the 3rd Maqsad of At Tajrid (see No 593 above) and the commentary by Qushjî (see No 598 above) on the same. For a copy of Khidrî's gloss see Berlin No 1762. The present annotation was dedicated to Sultan Sulaiman (A. H. 1077–1105 = A. D. 1666–1694) a Persian king of the Safavid dynasty.

By Muzâ Muhammad bin Hasan ash Shu wânî (مؤلف من مؤلفي) commonly called Mullâ Muzâ (ملا مؤلفا), a pupil of Khûnsârî (see No 610 above) The present annotation and its author are mentioned in Kashf al Hujub fol 48, but the date of the author's death is not given From the fact that he was a pupil of Khûnsârî (d 11 1098), and that he dedicated the present annotation to Sultân Sulamân, as mentioned above, we may conclude that he flourished in the 11th century A H

Beginning —

حيدر ما يوسع به معارف الكلام . الحمد لله الذي تفرد بالتجريد ...
 كتاب التوحيد من مصنف . صدر امامه و الدين . و شرحه الجديد
 للقوسقي . . و كاد . الحواشي الحصرية عليه . و هي مع ذلك معلق
 . و نظرت ما حقي من اسرارها في ايام الدولة العارضة . ابو المظفر
 . سليمان القسقي الموسوي و جعلنا تحفه لحصرته الدهية الخ *

The present copy is defective at the end

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, apparently 13th century A H

No. 615.

fol 160, lines 32, size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

الكاشفة على شرح السجريد

AL HÂSHIYAT Ū 'ALÂ SHARḤ AT TAJRÎD.

A very useful critical gloss on the first Maqсад of At Tajrîd (No 593 above), which deals with الامور العامة (fundamental principles) The author quotes the following commentaries and glosses, viz Hillî's commentary, No 594 above, Qushjî's commentary, No 598 above, Isfahânî's commentary, No 595 above, Sayyid Sharîf's gloss, No 597 above, Dawwânî's glosses, Nos 603, 605 above, Sadraddîn's glosses, Nos 606, 607 above, Mirzâjân's gloss No 608 above, Mahmûd ash Shîrâzî's gloss, No 613 above, and a gloss by one Shâh Fathallâh, as to whom see below

The name of the author does not appear anywhere in the work Neither author nor gloss is mentioned in the books of

reference The fact that he quotes Mirza Muhammad Astrabadī (*d* ۱۲۱۰ 1028 = A.D. 1618) thus سمعت هذا من عالم محض مرا and employs in referring to him the phrase used of living persons viz مد ظله gives us reason to hold that he was a scholar of the 11th century ۱۱ and that the gloss was composed in or before A.H. 1028 The writer of the gloss frequently refers to his teacher without mentioning his name and always in the words استاد or اادم مد ظله The fact that he employs in referring to his teacher the same phrase (مد ظله) which he uses for Mirza Muhammad in the passage quoted above gives us some reason to think that Mirza Muhammad was his teacher On fol. 72 he mentions Shah Fathallah as a teacher of his teacher thus سمعت عن اسنادنا نقلًا عن اسناد استاد and on fol. 46 he refers to a literary dispute between the above mentioned Shah Fathallah and Mirzajan (*d* ۱۱۹۹ 994 = A.D. 1586 see No. 608 above) The wording of the preface and his support of Shi'a doctrine at once suggest that the writer of the gloss was a Shi'a scholar

Beginning —

الحمد لله رب العالمين صلى الله على محمد وعلى آله الطاهرين
قال الله اما بعد حمد احب الوجود على نعمائه اما
لم يصدر كتابه بحمد الله وسبحانه قبل قوله اما بعد كما هو دأب الائمة
نوحين احدهما الانكار ناسعا بدلائل المدكوة في هذا الكتاب انساب
المطالب وهذا نوع من دواعي الاستدلال *

In A.H. 1165 one Hafiz Rahmat Khan was in possession of the present MS as appears from a note on the title page followed by his seal dated A.H. 1165

A seal dated 1182 of one Muhammad Sibgatallah Khan is found on the title page

The title page also bears two Arddidas dated A.H. 1192 1198 respectively

Written in fair Naskh Not dated apparently 12th century A.H. in or before A.H. 1165

No. 616.

fol 136 lines 23, size 10¹ x 6, 7 x 3

تَقْوِيدَاتُ مَلَا حُسَيْنِ بَغْدَادِي

TAQ'IDÂT U MULLÂ HUSAIN
BAGDÂDÎ.

Another gloss on the 1st Maqсад of At Tajrid (No 593 above)
The works referred to in the preceding gloss are also quoted here

By Mullâ Husain al Bagdâdî م. هـ. ١٠٠٠، من بَغْدَادِي، a Shi'a scholar of Bagdâd of the 11th century. Neither author nor work is mentioned in any catalogue. The author of *Kashf al Hujub*, on fol 105^r, mentions our author's son, Darwîsh 'Alî and his work, *Gunvat al Adib*, but he does not provide us with the date of death of Darwîsh 'Alî, or mention the century to which he belonged. Hence no clue as to the date of our present author can be obtained from the above statement. The fact, however, that the author, in his present work refers to his teacher (without name) as follows استاد، and on fol 35 mentions *Shâh Fathallâh* as a teacher of his teacher thus نام استاد gives us every reason to believe that he was a contemporary of the author of gloss No 615 above, and hence was a scholar of the 11th century A H. The latter author also refers to *Shâh Fathallâh* as a teacher of his teacher and uses the same phrases in referring to his own teacher (استاد، استاد مدظله) from which we may conclude that both scholars were pupils of the same teacher. Further, the date of transcription of the present MS viz A H 1062 tells us that the work was composed before that year.

Beginning —

قال المصنف رحمه الله اما بعد حمد واحد ، الوجود على نعمائه
اعلم انه رحمه الله تعالى عدل في صدر كتابه عن الاسلوب المهور و احتار
اسارنا عريضا . . قال الاستاد مدظله في ترك ، الموصوف اشار الى ابن دانه
لاتتعمل بكمته الحج *

Written in *Shafi û'âmîz Nasta'liq*

No 617

fol 220 lines 21 size 8 x 5¹ 6 x 3

سوارى الالهام

SHAWÂRÎQ AL ILHÂM

A commentary on the 1st Maqсад of At Tajrid (No 593 above) explaining difficult passages and points of philological and theological interest

By Abdarrazzâq bin Ali bin al Husain al Lahijى, عبدالرزاق بن على, a well known scholar of Persia of the 11th century A H He was a pupil of Sadraddin ash Shirazî (d A H 1050 = A D 1640 see No 629 below) He worked as professor in the College of Qum He is also known as a good poet and the author of a great Diwan His poetical name is Fayad He was a favourite scholar of Shah Abbas II (A H 1052-1077 = A D 1642-1666) of the Safavid dynasty of Persia to whom he dedicated his Persian work on theology Gauhar i Murîd (for copies of which see Persian Hand list No 1316 Rieu Persian Cat vol 1 p 32) The date of the present commentator's death is not mentioned by his biographers The fact that as stated above he dedicated one of his works to Shah Abbas II who did not succeed to the throne until A H 1052 suggests however that he died somewhat later than the year A H 1050 mentioned by Dr Hidayat Husain see Buhar Library Cat vol II p 102 where an annotation of Khidrî's gloss (see No 614) by the present commentator is mentioned

Beginning —

ربنا ابدح لنا و نس قومنا بالحق و اب حبر العاكس اما بعد
الحمد لله الذى هدانا لهذا و ما كنا لنهتدى لولا ان هدانا الله
فيعول العبد الراحى و ربك رب العالمين سدد الرزان بن على بن حسن
اللاهيكى و سوارى الالهام فى شرح تحف الكلام السج *

The present work is only mentioned in Kashf al Hujub fol 48 but it has been printed in Tihran A H 1280

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1233

No. 618.

foll 167, lines size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, 6×3 .

معارج العلم

MA'ÂRIJ-AL FAHM.

A commentary by Jamâladdîn Hasan bin Yûsuf al Hillî (d. A. H. 726 = A. D. 1326, see No 594 above) on his own concise text-book of theology, called *Nazmal Barâhîn*

Beginning

الحمد لله على ما اولانا من التوفيق و هدايا الى سواء
السبل اما بعد اما و بعد الله فاما سله ، من الاوقات باملاء معدمة
في علم الكلام و سمعتها بدهم الدراهن رأينا ان املى شرحا
وسميتها بمعارج العلم اله *

The beginning of the text runs thus

الحمد لله الواحد في ذاته المتعبد في صفاته اله *

Hillî tells us in the preface that the text of his treatise was extremely concise, and was not sufficiently helpful to the students, hence the present commentary

A note on the title-page which runs thus هذا كتاب موسوم بمعارج العلم في شرح العلم وهو العلم الراغب في اصول الدين كلاً من مصنف التحرير العلم حجة الخاصة على العامة ملك الشائع والمحققين سائر الافاضل والمدققين ركن الاسام والاميين مال الحق والاله والدين اني منصور بن الشيخ الفقيه السعيد سعيد الله والدين يوسف بن الماهر الحلي indicates the title of the work as well as its author's name

On the margin of the title-page, the following saying of 'Alî, the 4th Caliph is quoted قال امير المؤمنين عليه الصلوة والسلام من كتب هذه الحروف على كتابه فكون قادرا على مطالعته +

| ح ح ح لا اله الا الله |

Another note, followed by a seal dated A. H. 1150, tells that the MS was for some time in the possession of Mîrzâ Muhammad, commonly called 'Âqâ Mîrzâ, a noble of the court of Muhammad Shâh (A. H. 1131-1161 = A. D. 1719-1748)

For other copies of the commentary see Berlin No 1796 India Office No 4711-6

Written in Nasta liq Not dated apparently 13th century A H

No 610

fol 198 lines 32 size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ 6×3

کتاب الالف

KITÂB AL ALFAIN

A work containing 2 000 arguments of which the first one thousand are in support of the claim of Alı to the Khilafat and the rest in refutation of Sunni arguments in favour of the claims of the first three Caliphs The present copy which is defective at the end contains only 1 019 arguments corresponding to pp 1-260 of the Tihran (printed) edition dated A H 1248

Author Jamaladdin Hasan bin Yusuf al Hillı جمال الدین حسن بن یوسف الحلی (d A H 726 = A D 1326 see No 594 above)

Beginning —

الحمد لله مطهر الحق بنصب الأدلة الواضحة الیه *

The work is not mentioned in Brock but it was printed in Tihran A H 1248

Written in good Naskh Dated A H 1124

Scribe محمد علی بن ملا میر حسن کرمانی

No 620

fol 169 lines 16 size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4$ $5 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

اللاواع المعدادہ

AL LAWÂMI' AL MIQDÂDÎYAH

(Designated in Brock vol II p 199 Al Lawamı

Al Ilahiyah fı Al Mabahıs Al Kalamıyah)

A rare work on the philosophical views and theological theories relating to metaphysics dispensations of the prophets Imamāt and the beginning and end of the world divided into 11 Lamı each of which is sub divided into several Faslı

Author Mıqdad bin Abdallah bin Husam bin Muhammad بن سید مرقدا بن عبد الله بن حسن بن محمد السمری الأسدی Sıyurı Al Asıdı

Shī'a scholar of repute, known for his special merits in philosophy and theology. He refers in the present work to his commentary on Nahj al Mustahid of Hilli (*d* 11726 = A.D. 1326, see No 594 above). He composed a commentary on the Qur'an known as Kanz al 'Irfān. For a copy of which see Hand-list, No 310. The year of the author's death is not mentioned by his biographer, but Brock, in vol. II p. 199, tells us that he was alive in A.H. 800, as is evident from the fact that the present work was composed in A.H. 804 = A.D. 1401, as appears from the following colophon of the author, quoted at the end of the present copy.

والمبطل من السادة العلماء وائمة الفضلاء ممن يهه ، علما على
هذا الكتاب ان يصلح ماء ساة ان يحده في الكلام من الطعنان وفي النظام
من السمو والسيان و ان يسترة بديل العفو والعفران والعو عدد كرام الناس
سأمول ... والحمد لله وحده ... ومع الفراغ من تصنيفه يوم الأربعاء تاسع
عشر شهر جمادى الاولى سنة اربع و ثمانمائة و كذا ، مصدقه العدد معدان
بن عبد الله الاسدي عمر الله له و لوالديه *

The author of Kashf al Hujub on fol. 136^a, mentions another work of our author known as Al Mas'âl al Muqâdîyah.

Beginning

السكات لجلال مددع اطق بآيات وجوب وحدوة هويات الاسماء
واعرق تيار نكار الوهنة عقول العللاء الخ *

The present copy is defective for the want of some foll. containing certain portions of the preface, as well as a portion of the 1st Lâmi'. Only one other copy of the work is mentioned viz, in Munich No 153.

Written in farr Naskh. Dated A.H. 1056

No. 621

fol. 336, lines 22 size 10 × 7, 8 × 3

المحلي مرآة المحكي

AL MUJALLÎ U MIR'Â'I' AL MUNJÎ.

A rare commentary on the commentator's own work, Masâlik Al Afhâm, the theme of which is the fundamental agreement in general

between the theories of the theologians and the theories of the philosophers and specially between the mystic theories of the Sufis and the theories of the Intuitionists (Ishraqi) The author removes apparent differences between them by means of explanations based on reliable works of theology Sufism and philosophy and maintains that the difference is one of technical phraseology only whereas at bottom the sense is the same Points upon which the philosophers and Sufis are in agreement whenever these have an indirect bearing on Shī'ī views are used to support the latter The work is divided into a Muqaddimah two Qisms and a Khātimah Regarding the composition of the present commentary the author tells us that in A H 894 after his return from Mecca to Iraq he found a very eager desire on the part of the students to master the text of his work Masalīk al Afhām and the gloss Nur al Munjī composed by him on the same and being repeatedly asked by them for a detailed explanation of the text and the gloss he composed the present commentary in A H 896

By Muhammad bin Ali bin Ibrahim bin Abi Jumhūr محمد بن علی بن ابراهیم بن ابی جهمور, a famous Shī'ī scholar who flourished in the 9th century A H He was specially noted in his age for his merits in philosophy theology jurisprudence and logic and produced some useful works on these subjects He obtained special fame for his success in a disputation held at Mashhad in A H 878 with Mullā Harawī a Sunnī scholar on the Khilāfat question and some other points relating to jurisprudence For a full account of this see Manazir Jumhūriyah a Persian work a copy of which is mentioned in Buhār Library vol 1 No 114 also Majlis V of Majālis al Mu'minin Another work of this author on theology known as Zad al Musafirīn (زاد المسافرين) is specially esteemed See for his life and works Rawdat al Jannat p 523 Nama-i Danishwarān p 733 Broel vol II p 200

Beginning —

اللهم يا ذا المن الحسنى و الطول العظيم بم القى الرسالة
الموسومة بمسالك الاوهام فى علم الكلام ر كنى على مواضع مدية حاسنة
وافه و بعض السادة الدور المنكى فلما ودمب العراق و كان
الخدمة المداكه من مكة المسموعة سنة ابع و تسعين و ثمانمائة استدع
نورا ائها و تحصل معانها حماسة من ائسان الطلبة و ارتحموا على استخلاص
مطالبها لاني و د جمعت فى اكد مسالها و مسلک مناخها

دین و فی الکلام و الحکمة و طبعه ، ندیما احسن تطبیق دم فی کدر
 من المواضع علی طریق الاشرافین من الحکما و اهل الله من صوبه
 العلماء ... فالتمسونی ان املی لهم تلك الکتاب *

For another copy of the work see Bûhar Lib Cat , vol 11, No 96

Passages from the text are introduced with the word قوله , pas-
 sages from the gloss with the word قال , and explanations of those
 passages with the word افول

Written in Nasta'liq Dated Isfahân A H 1067

No. 622.

fol 198 lines 15 , size 9 × 4 , 4½ × 2

کشف ، الکقائق المحمدیه

KASHF AL ḤAQĀ'IQ AL MUḤAMMADIYAH.

A detailed commentary on the treatise of Sadraddîn ash Shîrâzî
 (d A H 930 = A D 1523 , see No 605 above), called , رساله فی اثبات الواجب
 (Risâlat u fî Isbât al Wâjib), dealing with the divine nature and
 attributes, which Sadraddîn composed in competition with Dawwânî
 (d A H 907 = A D 1501 , see No 603 above), who had written a
 treatise with the same title on the same subject

By Giyâsaddîn Mansûr bîn Muhammad al Husainî عباد الدین
 منصور بن محمد الحسينى , son of the above-mentioned Sadraddîn Like
 his father, he was known for his special merits in philosophy, theology
 and logic , and is the author of several works He died in A H 949
 = A D 1542 , see Brock , vol 11, p 414, Majlis VII of Majâlis al
 Mu'mmin

Beginning —

يا عباد المستعدين سألك كسه ، الکقائق و الاطلاع على بدائع الاسرار
 . . . و بعد فان العدد الاليس بموالاة الاثس عن سواة عباد منصور
 الحسينى سمد ، شرحى هذا كسه ، الکقائق المحمدیه *

A copy of the text, without the preface, is noticed in India Office,
 No 468 The beginning of the text, as given in the present commen-
 tary runs thus

لا إله الا هو له الاسماء العظمى منه الانداد و به العباد و الله الرجعى
 وهذه سألته فى ادب الواجب الدائى وصفاه الى
 الال فى ادبه تعالى *

No other copy of the commentary is known to us
 Written in Nasta liq Dated A H 1022
 Scribe اسمعيل بن محمد الكاتب السدراي

No 623

fol 528 lines 27 size 11 6¹ 6¹ × 5

احق الحق

IHQÂQ AL HAQQ

A polemical work containing a detailed refutation of Ibtal u Nahj al Batil which was composed by Fadl bin Ruzbahan (a Sunni scholar of Isfahan of the 9th century A H) in reply to Nahj al Haqq a work written in refutation of the theological theories and legal ideas of the Sunnis by Hilli (d ١١٧٢ = ١٧٧٦ see No 594 above) and dedicated to Sultan Khudabanda Muhammad (A H 703-716 = A D 1303-1316) For a copy of Nahj al Haqq see India Office No 437 The author of the present work first quotes verbatim passages from Hilli's work introducing these with the words رفع الله رجه (The author said May God elevate his dignity) these passages from Hilli being followed by verbatim quotations from Fadl bin Ruzbahan's work prefaced by the words قال الناصب عصمه الله (The member of the Nasiriyah sect said May God thrust him downwards)

The prejudice of the author against the Sunnis is thus revealed by his speaking of a Sunni scholar as a member of the Nasiriyah sect a sect which totally rejects Ali's Khilafat and in the preface he uses most abusive language of Fadl Ruzbahan The latter author supporting his refutation of Shi'a doctrines entirely by quotations from Shi'a works our author does the same supporting his refutation of Sunni doctrines by quotations from their works

Author Nurallah bin Sayyid Sharif al Mar'ashi al Husayni ash Shustari نور الله بن سيد سرف الحسيني الشوسري noted Shi'a scholar of a Mar'ashi Sayyid family of Shustar (Persia) and the author of several Arabic and Persian works who came to India in A H 993 and was presented by Halim Abul Fath (d A H 997 = A D 1588) to the

Emperor Akbar, who in A H 995 appointed him Qadî of Lahore. The present work, which was composed in A H 1014, from the violence with which it attacks the Sunnîs and especially the Sunnî Caliphs, inflamed the feelings of the Sunnîs against the author. The Emperor Jahângîr (A H 1014-1037 = A D 1605-1627) at their instance put the author to death in A H 1019 = A D 1610, on which account, he has been declared a *Shahîd* (martyr) by the *Shî'a* sect. He was buried in Agra. See *Kashf al Hujub* fol 9, *Raudat al Jannat*, p 222, *Tadhkirat 'Ulamâ'î Hind* p 245, *Muntakhab at Tawârikh* vol III, p 137, *Z D M G* vol XXIX, p 676. Dr Rieu in *Persian Catalogue*, p 337, mentions the author but does not give the date of his death. His merits as a scholar and as a stylist both in Arabic and Persian were fully recognised even by Sunnî scholars in spite of his sectarian intolerance. For his autograph see No 609 above which is transcribed by him.

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي حمل عمام سعدة الحق علينا أجمع *

The following colophon tells us that the work was completed in Agra, A H 1014 —

و قد اتفق دمام هذه الآئى التى و شحبت عوالى المعالى فى سلك
 و مدة اله ، و اربع عشر فى بلدة اكرة اكرة الاد استخدها الكفر و كره
 و استعمل فيما السبطان مكره *

The work is not mentioned in Brock but for three other MS copies of the work see *Râmpûi* p 281, *Asiatic Society Cat* p 27, *Buhâr Lib Cat*, vol II, No 119.

The work was printed in Tihârân A H 1273

Written in beautiful *Naskh*, within gold-ruled borders. Bears a frontispiece. Dated A H 1107.

Scribe عبد الرسول بن شيخ عبد القادر بن حسام الدين اللاهورى who says, in a note at the end, that he compared his transcription with a copy revised by the author himself.

No 624

fol 56 lines 13 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

الاساطات

AL'Î QÂZÂT

A work dealing briefly with the theory of *حلّ الاعمال* (the creation not only of men but even their actions by God) from the philosophical and theological standpoints. The present theory is the basis of two important theological points *قدر* and *حذر* (predestination and free will). The author tells us in the preface that the present work is an independent composition on the subject though he had dealt with it in the relevant chapters of his other compositions such as *Ar Rawashih*.

Author Muhammad Baqir bin Muhammad ad Damad محمد باقر بن محمد الداماد a Shi'a scholar of great repute. He was a native of Astrabad but settled permanently in Isfahan. He completed his studies in Mashhad. He was specially noted in his own age for his masterly ability in philosophy logic and theology and was known by the title of *ناصر العلم* (master of learning). He was surnamed Damad by his father who was the Damad (son in law) of Ali bin Abd Ali the famous Shi'a Mujtahid and hence many authors refer to him as Sayyid Baqir Damad. Our author is warped by his prejudice against the Sunnis but his compositions on the subjects mentioned above are looked upon as standard authorities by scholars of both sects. He died in A H 1040 = A D 1630. See for his life *Khulasat al Asar* vol II p 341 *Nujum as Sama* p 46 Dr Rieu in *Persian Cat* vol II p 835 supports the present date quoting the following chronogram of a contemporary — *عروس علم دس را مرده داماد*. The author of *Sulafat al Asr* fol 244 wrongly holds that this author died in A H 1031. Brock vol II p 341 also wrongly gives the date of the author's death as A H 1070 = A D 1659.

Beginning —

الحمد لله رب العالمين حق حمده والصلاة على حذرة من آل
محمد وآله المعصومين من حذرة بعد بعد سألني افاض الله ايا
سبحان ونوصات القدس عن مسئلة حلّ الاعمال ولعد اوفينا جعها
في كتابنا العليلة وفي كتابنا الراسخ *

Written in beautiful Nasta'liq. Not dated apparently 11th century

No. 625

foli 71, lines 21, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

تعويم الايمان

'I'AQWÎM AL 'ÎMÂN.

A work in which are expounded those important theological theories relating to metaphysics which are in full agreement with philosophical theories

The work is divided into the following 5 Fasl

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| i Foll 1-12 | اصحاحات |
| ii Foll 13-21 | تقويمات |
| iii Foll 22-34 | تقويمات تقدييه |
| iv Foll 35-53 | استيعاء مانقي من التقويمات القدسه |
| v Foll 51 71 | اصحاحات تحريديه |

Author Muhammad Bâqu bin Muhammad ad Dâmâd محمد باقر محمد داماد
(d A H 1040 = A D 1630, see No 624 above)

Beginning —

تقدس يا من الادوار طلالك و تمجدت يا من الدواب افعالك
اما بعد فان احوح المعتقدات الى الله العدى محمد باقر الداماد الحسنى
السلام *

For other copies of the work see India Office, No 581, Buhâr Lib Cat, vol ii, No 101

Written in beautiful Naskh with gold-ruled borders Bears a frontispiece Not dated, apparently 11th century, A H

No 626

foli 121 lines 21, size $8 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

العليق، على تعويم الايمان مع الايقاظ،

AL TA'LÎQÂT 'ALÂ TAQWÎM AL
'ÎMÂN MA'A AL 'ÎQÂDÂT.

Two works of Muhammad Bâqu Dâmâd, bound in one volume
Foll 1-84 At Ta'liqât (التعليق) A commentary by Muham-

mad Baqir Damad (*d* ١١١٠ 1040 = A D 1630 see No 624 above) on his own work *Taqwīm Al Iman* for which see No 625 above

Beginning —

الحمد لله رب العالمين و الصلوة على سيد المرسلين و بعد
فهذه معلمات على كتاب دعوى الايمان قوله بعد حسب العدى الطهر اسم
مصدق الحج *

No other copy of the commentary is known to us

Foll 84-121 *Al Iqazat* (الاقاظ) For another copy of this work see No 624 above

Both volumes are written in beautiful *Naskh* within gold ruled borders and by the same scribe Not dated apparently 11th century A H The handwriting of the present MS is identical with the handwriting of No 624 above

fol 42 lines 21 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

No 627

نبراس الصاء

NIBRÂS AD DIYÂ'

A treatise on the important Shī'a theological theory *الدعاء* (the possibility of any thing happening contrary to the divine foreknowledge) The present theory is the basis of *Taqiyah* the important Shī'a doctrine (See for description of the same Hughes Dictionary of Islam p 628)

By Muhammad Baqir bin Muhammad ad Damad محمد باقر بن محمد الداماد (*d* ١١١٠ 1040 = A D 1630 see No 624 above)

Beginning —

سبحانك اللهم و بحمدك نعبرسون على ما قد رزقني
احاديث سادتنا المعصومين في شرح كتاب الدعاء الحج *

The author in the present work refutes the Sunnis who oppose the above mentioned theory and holds that without admitting its validity it is hardly possible to defend the belief common to both sects in the efficacy of prayer (*الدعاء*) He further quotes certain Hadīṣ from the six Sunni canonical collections of traditions interpreting

them in favour of the theory A Shî'a Hadîs in its support is quoted which runs thus

ما بدأ الله بداء كما بدأ له في اسمعيل اذا امرانا بدعته ثم وداه
بدع عظم الح *

For many other Hadîs on the subject the author requests the reader to refer to the chapters designated باب الداء in the second and third Shî'a canonical collections of traditions (see Lib Cat vol v, part 1, Nos 263, 268) The same author, in dealing with the present point on fol 168 of No 628 below, tells us that the theory داء is only valid as regards Qadî (fore-knowledge), and is invalid as regards Qadâ' (fore-ordination from all eternity) as appears from the following

و يقال للدعوس السماوية كتاب المكور والادب لوفوع ذلك وما
يدطع فيما مما يتعلق بالعدر من صور ما سيكون في المستعمل من الحوادث
المعدرة الرمانه وربما يقال كتاب المكور والادب للزمان لكونه عالم التعر
و التدل والتصرم و التحدد فهو كتاب العدر العدى بحسه ، احذر مراته ،
الوحد في الاعيان و بالجمله الامر في كتاب العدر على حلاه ، الامر في ام
الكتاب الذي هو العصاء الاول ان لا تعبر ولا تدل ولا مكور ولا ادب فيه اصلا
وهذا معنى حوار الداء في العدر لافى العصاء *

Written in good Naskh Not dated, apparently 12th century

A B

No 628

fol 195, lines 24, size $10 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

العيسا .

AL QABASÂ'T'.

A rare and valuable work on those theological theories which are liable to be confounded with those of philosophy The author bases his views on the Qur'ân, Hadîs and the opinions of the ancient philosophers and the philosophers of Islam Philosophical theories, which are contrary to Islamic doctrine, are fully criticised and refuted The main points dealt with in the present work are as follows —the

divine essence God's attributes His eternal being without beginning or end the divine fore ordination from all eternity the divine fore knowledge the creation of the world how the world came into existence and whether it will come to an end time motion matter and form The work is divided into the following 10 Qabasat

- i Foll 2-13 النفس الاول فيه ذكر انواع الحدود و بها سم الوجود
- ii Foll 14-29 النفس الثاني فيه انواع ثلث السنى الدانى من سبيل
العدم بالذات
- iii Foll 30-45^a النفس الثالث فيه بيده العدد الانعكاسية و يعوم
البرهان من سبيل العقلية السرمدة
- iv Foll 46^b-53 النفس الرابع فيها ١ من كتاب الله الكريم و من
سنة رسوله السريعة الكريمة و احاديث الاوصياء السانقس الحج
- v Foll 53^b-69 النفس الخامس فى وجود و خورج الطناج المرسله و سبيل
البرهان من وجود و خورج
- vi Foll 70-92 النفس السادس فى اتصال الرمان و الحركة و يعوم سبيل
البرهان سبب اتصال كنه الرمان على النظم الطمعى من ١
- vii Foll 93-109 النفس السابع فى اتصاله و احاط حدته و
فنايات و سكوك معالطة على الطرفين من القرى
- viii Foll 110-136 النفس الثامن فى قدرة الله و سبحانه و ارادته
حل سلطانه و غيرها
- ix Foll 136^b-161 النفس التاسع فى ادب الحواهر العقلية و مراتب
ترتيب الوجود فى سبيل التدوين و العود
- x Foll 161-195 النفس العاشر فى سر القصاء و العدر

Author Muhammad Baqir bin Muhammad ad Damad محمد باقر
بن محمد الدماذ (d A H 1041 = A D 1630 see No 624 above)

Beginning —

الحمد لله الواحد الاحد الصمد لا شريك له و هو مهيمن كل وجود اما بعد
فالحوج الى اعرفى محمد بن محمد يدعى باقر الداماد يقول
بعض من لم يأت ان احسنه بالرد سالى ان اورد له
بالذكر ان رب الابداع و النكوى متعدي بالعدم سبيل بالدوام
بما سأله الحج *

The author tells us, in the preface, that the question as to whether the world will come to an end is one of the most disputed points between the ancient philosophers and the philosophers of Islâm, and that the theory of the eternity of the world is totally against Islamic belief. He notes that Abû 'Alî Sina, the most famous philosopher of Islâm, known to Europe as Avicenna (d A H 428 = A D 1036, see Lib Cat, vol iv, No 19) discussed the subject, but failed to arrive at any certain conclusion. Hence, in the present work, the author deals with this point among others. He often refers to Abû 'Alî Sina as *سركنا فى التعلم* (my colleague in learning). For other copies of the work see 'Âsifiyah, No 48, Buhârî Lib Cat, vol ii, No 328 where a defective copy of the work is mentioned.

Written in farr Naskh. Not dated, apparently 11th century A H.

The MS. in A H 1173, was in the possession of one Mû Mulubballâh, and, in A H 1192 one Ilâhdâd K̲h̲ân purchased it from the above-mentioned Mû, as appears from their seals and notes at the beginning.

No. 629

fol 170, lines 15, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

شواهد الربوبية

SHAWÂHID AR RUBÛBÎYAH.

A work on theology, in which the fundamental Islamic dogmas relating to metaphysics are compared with the philosophical theories. The latter, when contrary to Islamic dogma, are fully criticised and refuted. The author claims that the present work is far more comprehensive than those of his predecessors on the subject. It is divided into 5 Mashhads, and each Mashhad is subdivided into certain *Shawâhid* and *Ishrâq*.

Author *Sadraddîn Muhammad bin Ibrâhîm Ash Shîrâzî* صدرالدين محمد بن ابراهيم الشيرازى, a prominent doctor of philosophy of *Shîrâz* who flourished in the 11th century A H. He was noted for his special merits in philosophy, theology and logic. He was the pupil of Muhammad Bâqî Damâd (d A H 1040 = A D 1630, see No 624 above). He is the author of several works on the subjects referred to above, which are frequently quoted by scholars. He died in Basîâ A H 1050 = A D 1640, on his way to Mecca, see *Sulâfat al Asî*, fol 251^b, *Rieu, Persian Catalogue* vol ii, p 829^a, where he refers to *Zînat At Tawâîk̲h̲* and *Gobineau, Religions de L' Asie*, p 84 for details of the author's life.

present work in the course of a few months, in A H 1090, at the age of 83 years

اعلم ان ما اورده و جمعده في هذه المعال و الابواب من الاسرار
الدينية ... و ما اشرفنا اليه من رموز العوائد ... و ما سطنا الكلام فيه من
بيان الاخلاق الممودة و المدمومة . . فلما يوحد في عدة من الكتب
بعد التفتيح و التمديد . . لقد رضى الله لجمعنا و تأليفها في مدة اشهر
فلا نل من سعة تسعين و اله . من كده اسرف على الرحدل و كان
قد مضى من عمري ثلث و ثمانون و نه . فليل الح *

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 12th century A H

No 631.

fol 422, lines 23, size 12 x 8, 5¹/₂ x 5

البياض الابراهيمى

AL BAYÂD AL IBRÂHÎMÎ.

A big work in several volumes, bringing together almost all the attacks, quoted from then different Arabic and Persian works, directed by Sunnî scholars against the theological views and legal ideas of the Shî'âs, with a refutation of each point on behalf of the latter, supported by copious quotations from the works of the Sunnîs themselves. The work was compiled by a group of Shî'â scholars deputed for this purpose by Ibrâhîm K̲h̲ān, the son of 'Alî Wardî K̲h̲ān, Governor at different times of Kashmîr Lahore, Bihar, Bengal and other places, and an orthodox Shî'â, who raised the influence of Shî'âs in his time to a great extent. He died during the reign of Bahâdûr Shâh (A H 1119-1124 = A D 1707-1712), see Beale, p 173. We have failed to notice any composition on the part of Sunnîs in refutation of the present work.

The author of Kashf al Hujub, fol 26^b, tells us that he noticed seven volumes of the present work, and mentions the beginning of each volume, with a short description of its contents. Neither the beginning nor the contents of our present copy correspond with any of the seven volumes referred to by him, but some one has noted on the title-page that the present MS is the first volume of the work.

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي هدانا لهذا الذي كنا لنهتدي لولا أن هدانا الله

في الاستدلال بقوله تعالى إنما يريد الله ليذهب عنكم الرجس الآثم

The present volume after an explanation of the *Aya Tathir* is occupied with accounts of Ali Fatimah Hasan and Husain

No 632

fol 432 lines 21 size 11½ × 7½ 6½ × 4½

Another volume of the preceding work beginning thus —

مد كبر الراس والكواح

The present volume is one of the volumes noticed by the author of *Kashf al Hujub*. It deals with the *Khilafat* of Abu Bakr the first Caliph

Both volumes are written in good *Naskh*. Not dated apparently 13th century A.H.

No 633

fol 181 lines 28 size 11 × 7½ 8 × 5½

مد الاسلام

'IMÂD AL ISLÂM

A big work on *Shi'a* theology in 5 volumes containing 5 *Maqsads* the subject matter of which is as follows —

- i Divine essence and attributes
- ii Adl or divine justice
- iii Dispensations of the prophets
- iv Succession of the Caliphs after the Prophet
- v End of the world

Each volume covers one *Maqsad* and has a separate beginning. Volumes ii and iii are wanting in the Library copy.

Author Sayyid Dildar Ali bin Sayyid Muhammad An Nasir *abrid* دلدار علی بن سید معنی الدین انصاری a famous Indian *Shi'a*

Muġtahid, scholar and author of Lucknow, who flourished in the 13th century A H. He completed his studies of the scientific branches of learning under famous Indian scholars, such as Sayyid Gulām Husam Dakanî, Maulavî Hardai ‘Alî, Maulavî Bâballâh and others. He left India for Kaibalâ where he studied Hadîs Jurisprudence and Principles of Jurisprudence under Âqâ Bâqî Bahbahânî (d. A H 1205 = A D 1790) and Sayyid ‘Alî Tabâtahâ’î (d. A H 1231 = A D 1815). Thereafter he visited Mashhad, where he received an Ijâza from Sayyid Mahdî, the famous traditionist and scholar of Mashhad. For a copy of Ijâza see Kashf al Hujub, fol 4ⁿ. On his return to Lucknow, he gained special fame as a lecturer on religious subjects and as an author. He composed a number of works in Arabic and Persian. He was the first Shî‘a scholar of India to proclaim himself Muġtahid of the Shî‘a sect in India, and he introduced the Friday prayer (الجمعة) and congregational prayers (الجمعة). He was born in Nasrâbâd in A H 1166, and died in Lucknow in A H 1235 = A D 1819. See Kashf al Hujub, fol 102, Taḍkira’i ‘Ulmâ’i Hind, p. 60.

Vol I

Beginning

* الحمد لله المتجلى لخلقه وخلقه و الطاهر بخلقه و بركاته *

Written in fair Naskh. Not dated, apparently 13th century

A H

No 634.

fol 277, lines 25, size 11 × 7½, 8 × 5½

Vol IV

Beginning

الحمد لله حمدًا كدرا و الامارة و السلام على سيد المرسلين و عترته

المعه و منى الحج *

Written in fair Naskh. Not dated, apparently 13th century

A H

No 635

foll 279 lines 20 size 11×7½ 8×5½

Vol V

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذى يحيى العظام و سى ميم الح *

Written in fair Naskh Not dated apparently 13th century

A II

These three volume of the work were presented to the Library
by Safdar Nawwab of Patna in A II 1322

ZAIDÎ THEOLOGY *

No 636

foll 74 lines 15 size 8½×6 5½×3½

الاساس لعقائد الاكياس

AL ASÂS LI 'AQÂ'ID AL AKYÂS

A rare work expounding briefly the important dogmas and theo-
logical theories of the Zaidî school

The Zaidî sect who are the followers of Zaid bin Ali (see Lib Cat vol 1
part 1 No 73) had its origin in the schism which also gave rise to the Imâmî
yah sect. On the appointment as Imâm of Imâm Ja'far Šâdiq (d A II 148=
A D 65) the followers of Zaid bin Ali repudiated the Imâmât of the former
and proclaimed the latter their legal Imâm while those who remained faithful to
Ja'far Šâdiq and his successors became known as the Imâmîyah sect see Al
Mîlâl p 207 Mukhtasar 'Id Duwal p 66 In A II 280=A D 893 Imâm Hâdi
Yahya one of the successors of Zaid bin Ali founded a Zaidî dynasty in Yaman
which has continued down to the present day see Al La'ali (Library Hand
list No 2303) Inbâ' az Zaman Tabq al Halwâ Lane Poole pp 10 103
Among the Zaidî Imâms the following are recognised as two authors of
special prominence —

(i) Mansûrillâh 'Abdallâh bin Hamza (d A II 593-614=A D 1196-1217)

(ii) Mansûrillâh Qâsim (A II 1000-1029=A D 1591-1620) the author of
No 636

Author Qâsim bin Muhammad bin Rasûlallâh بن قاسم بن محمد بن رسول الله, the author of repute known as Mansûrbillâh, a famous Imâm of the Zaidî sect and Amîr of Yaman. He was born in A H 967, and died in A H 1029 = A D 1620. See Brock, vol 'ii, p 405, *Khûlâsat al Asar*, vol iii, p 293, *Anbâ'az Zaman*, foll 122-131.

Beginning

الحمد لله الذي خلق الاصباح في فلوب الاعلام ... و بعد فانه لما كان
علم الكلام من احل العلوم ودرا الح *

Only one other copy of the work is mentioned, viz, in Berlin, No 5145, where the contents of the work are fully described. The present work is regarded as the standard authority on Zaidî theology, and a number of Zaidî scholars have composed commentaries on the same. Ahmad bin Muhammad Ash Shara'fi (d A H 1054 = A D 1644), the well-known Zaidî scholar, and the author of *Al La'âlî Al Muḍīyah* (see Hand-list No 2303), composed two commentaries on the present work. See *Tabq al Halwâ*, Lib copy fol 11^a.

The present MS was transcribed in the time of the Zaidî Imâm Mu'ayyid (A H 1029-1054 = A D 1620-1644), the successor of the author.

Written in fair Naskh

No 637.

foll 294, lines 23, size $8 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

النبراس

AN NIBRÂS.

A work comprising a full refutation from the Sunnî standpoint of the points contained in the preceding treatise.

Author 'Abdalwahhâb bin Abî 'Abdallâh bin Abî al Hasan بن عبد الوهاب بن ابي عبد الله بن ابي الحسن, a Sunnî scholar of the 11th century A H, who composed the present work in A H 1062, see Cairo vol 1, p 57, where the only other known copy of the work is noticed.

On the title-page of our copy, the author is designated by some one 'Abdarrahîm instead of 'Abdalwahhâb.

Beginning

الحمد لله الذي اناط الماوال ابوار المبادئ مواعد العوائد *

Written in fair Naskh Not dated, apparently 12th century A H.

No 638

foli 132 lines 15 size 6½ x 4½ 8 x 5½

جواب اهل السنة في نقض كلام السعدي الردية
JAWÂB U AHL AS SUNNAH FI
NAQDI KALÂM ASH SHÎ'AT
AZ ZAIDIYAH

A rare work containing a complete refutation of the attack made again t orthodox Muhammadans on the subject of the Imamât by a Zaidi scholar a contemporary of the author

Author Muhammad bin Ima'il al Amîr محمد بن اسمعيل الامير , a famous Amîr and scholar of Sana (in Yaman) He was originally a follower of the Zaidi school but afterwards became a strict Sunni and one of their most influential supporters He died in A H 1182 = A D 1769 see Lib Cat vol 1 part II No 339

Beginning —

الحمد لله المستعبد المستعزة ونعمت الله من سرور اهل دمه
سبأ اعلمنا اما بعد فانه قد وصل احدكم كتابكم الذي فيه اعتراض الحج *

Each point of the attack of the Zaidi scholar who is quoted verbatim is introduced with the word قوله and is refuted by the author in passages beginning with the word بقول

The first point of the attack is quoted thus —

فاما قوله ان سبب الاختلاف بين السائل والاول وهو ان سببا
عليه السلام فانه وحده معونه من ابي سفيان *

The reply begins thus —

بقول هذا ما يدل على جهل المعارض او تكلفه *

The colophon runs thus —

بعد بنسبنا ذكرنا لكل مصنف ارباب وليس له ملك منبج جهل
هذا المعارض واستداهه بما عليه اهل البيت عليه السلام وان دعوى
انواعهم ومخبرهم كذب الحج *

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1215

KASHFÎYAH THEOLOGY.

No. 639.

foll 63, lines 14, size $9 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

رسالة حوا، سؤال السائل في الفرقة الكسبية

RISÂLA'I'U JAWÂBÎ SUWÂL AS SÂ'IL
FÎ AL FIRQA'I' AL KASHFÎYAH.

A work containing the author's replies to the questions sent to him relating to the theories of Ahmad bn Zamaddîn Al Ihsâ'i, who was the founder of the Kashfîyah sect, a branch of the Shî'âs which had its rise in the 13th century A H, and was a prominent scholar, the author of several works

Author Kâzım bn Qâsım al Husainî ar Rishtī کازم بن قاسم الرشتي, a scholar of Persia of repute, and at one time Muṭṭahid (religious leader) of the Imâmîyah sect, though afterwards he became a follower of the Kâshfîyah school. On his identifying himself with this school, the Shî'a authorities removed him from office, and publicly notified that no regard was to be paid to his words as Muṭṭahid.

The notification referred to above, which is quoted verbatim by the present author on fol 42, runs thus

ان السيد الكاظم قد اخرج من الدين و عن مذهبه المسلمين و قد
اعرض عنه جميع العلماء و عن تقليده جميع المؤمنين الاكفاء فوجه
اعلامكم بانه لا يحوز تقليده و احد مسئلة من المسائل الدنيوية *

In the present work the author defends the theories of the Kashfîyah school, and quotes in their support many reliable works of the Imâmîyah sect. The work was composed in A H 1258

Beginning

الحمد لله الذي ارشده من استرشده الى سبل الرشاد و اوصل
من استجداه الى اعلى العاية و اوصى المراد اما بعد فيقول العدد
الكافي . كاظم بن قاسم الحسني الرشتي . شيخنا .. السلام احمد
بن زين الدين الحسائي . و المدسسون الى هذا الكتاب ... هم
المسمون بالكسبية *

For another work of the author, known as Al Risâlatu fî Ajwibatī Suwâlât Sayyid Husam, see Kashf al Hujub fol 32^a

Written in Nasta'liq Not dated, apparently 14th century A H

ISLAMIC CHRISTIAN CONTROVERSY

No 640

foll 132 lines 13 size 6×6 6×7

البراهين السابتيه

AL BARĀHĪN AS SĀBĀTĪYAH

A work in refutation of Christian dogmas and in support of the mission of Muhammad containing also some account of the Prophet. The work is divided into three Maqāla, a Muqaddimah and a Manzar. Maqāla (i) contains the refutation referred to above. Maqāla (ii) and (iii) contain a vindication of the mission of Muhammad and some account of the Prophet. The Muqaddimah and Manzar contain respectively a brief statement as to the necessity for the present composition and a brief account of the author. The author in dealing with Christian dogmas relied on the authorised version of the Bible prepared in A.D. 1601 under the orders of James I the King of England. The English translation is quoted in Arabic characters, each passage quoted being followed by an Arabic translation and an explanation in Arabic. The work was composed in India and was dedicated to Asad Laḥa a Minister of the Turkish Government. A note on the title page tells us that 600 copies of the work were printed in Calcutta and were distributed by the author in different countries as follows: 100 copies in Mecca and Medina, 50 copies in Oman, 50 copies in Yaman, 100 copies in Basra and Baghdad, 50 copies in Constantinople, 100 copies in India, 100 copies in Persia. This note is followed by another enumerating the most important events that took place in the world in A.H. 1220.

Author Jawwad Sabit bin Ibrāhīm Sabat al Hanafī حواد سابت بن ابراهيم سابت. He traces his descent from 'Alī the fourth Caliph. He was born in Arabia in A.H. 1188 where he was brought up and studied. He visited several Islamic countries and learnt from the eminent scholars of those places. He studied Persian in Persia under Mulla Sadiq in A.H. 1202. Finally he came to India where he learnt Urdu. He also studied logic and some other branches of science under Muḥammad Afdal 'Alī of Patna and Abdarrahman. After visiting some other places in India he came to Calcutta where he acquired a reputation for learning among the Muhammadans.

Soon after he came to Calcutta, he decided to compose a work on the above subject as a result of his observation of the two following facts

- (i) Progress of Christianity through the publications of the British and Foreign Bible Society
- (ii) That all sects of Muhammadans devoted themselves almost exclusively to refutation of each other, and neglected the composition of works in refutation of the beliefs of Christianity and of other non-Muhammadan religions

The better to succeed in his object he devoted himself to the study of English, sought frequent interviews with Europeans and other Christians, and even embraced Christianity temporarily actually declaring himself a Christian under the name of سليمان. In A H 1215 he was appointed by the British and Foreign Bible Society translator of the Bible into Oriental languages. The position strengthened his social influence among the European officials of Calcutta. In A H 1225 Ahmad bin Muhammad Ash Shīrwānī (d A H 1256 = A D 1840, see Bûhâr, Lib Cat, vol II p 468), the author of *Nafhat al Yaman* came to Calcutta, and succeeded in establishing friendly relations with our author who recommended him to a European official for an appointment in the College of Fort William, where he was appointed an instructor in Arabic literature. Soon after Ahmad Shīrwānī, by his frequent visits to him, secured the full confidence of the author, who, one day, disclosed his secret motive and placed before him a MS copy of his *As Sarâ'ir* (a work in refutation of Christian dogmas), and also showed him the materials for the present work. Ahmad Shīrwānī, however actuated by jealousy and ill-will towards our author gave out the secret, and informed the European officials and Christians of Calcutta of the author's real views while, on the other hand, he spread a report among the leading Muhammadans of Calcutta that the author had compelled some of his servants to become Christians. As a result our author lost the respect both of the Europeans and Muhammadans. See for a full account of these events the Muqaddimah and Manzar of the present work. However, the author with great difficulty, completed the present work, and arranged for its publication in A H 1229. He left Calcutta for some other places in India, and then returned to Arabia. The date of his death is not known to us. The author of *Taḍkira'ī 'Ulamâ'ī Hind*, p 44, not being acquainted with the present composition or the same author's *As Sarâ'ir* referred to above describes him as a Christian. Our author composed 24 works in Arabic, Persian, and Urdu on different subjects. In addition to other works, of which we know he

was the author such as As Sara in Al Barahin (the present work) and the ten works mentioned in the Tadhkirat Ulama-i Hind the following compositions of his are enumerated in the present work —

- (i) الخلاصة الساناطية في عبادات الله
- (ii) ترجمه خلاصة الحساب من العربى الى الفارسى
- (iii) ترجمه الاحبار المنصوره من الفارسى الى العربى
- (iv) شرح رساله الدعيه
- (v) المراسلات الساناطية
- (vi) الحسابات الساناطية
- (vii) الحدس الساناطية
- (viii) ترجمه الايجل بالفارسى
- (ix) ترجمه الايجل بالعربى
- (x) رسالة الاحبار
- (xi) انيس العسل
- (xii) الصلوات الساناطية

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذى المعتبر والمصدق لوحود البرهود الى *

As an example of the curious effect of transliterating English into Arabic characters the following passage (being the first verse of the Athanasian creed) which is the first of such passages occurring in the work (see fol 13 of Maqala 1) may be quoted —

هو سو اوزول نى سود نغو ال نكس اب ار رى س هى
هواد نى كلاك دب *

(Whosoever will be saved before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic faith)

The Arabic translation of the above passage runs thus —

اعلم انه يدعى لمن يريد النجات ان يمسك بالاعتقاد الاحماعى *

Towards the end of his work the author refers to a number of well known contemporary scholars of different countries. Among these he mentions the following scholars of Patna (Azimabad) on fol 127^a — (i) Gulam Naiyer Azimabadī (ii) Ashraf Husain Azimabadī (iii) Afdal Ali Azimabadī (iv) Hakim Gulam Murtada (v) Shu'ayb al Haqq al Bihari (vi) Maulavi Ahmadī Azimabadī (vii) Abul Hasan Azimabadī (viii) Zain al Abidan Azimabadī (ix) Aminallah Azimabadī

For another copy of the work see Râmpûi Library, No 22

The present MS is a transcription of the printed copy dated
A H 1229

Written in fair Naskh Not dated, apparently 13th century A H

No. 641

fol 78, lines 22, size 12×7 , $8 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

لوامع الاسرار

LAWÂMI' AL ASRÂR.

A work written as a refutation of Miftâh al Khazâ'in, an Arabic work by a Christian author, whose name is not mentioned, in support of Christianity and exalting Christianity above other religions. The work is divided into three Qutbs and a Khâtimah, and subdivided into several Bâbs and Fasls. The first Qutb deals with Muhammadanism, and the prophetic mission of Muhammad and of Jesus Christ. The second and the third Qutbs contain a refutation of the views expressed in Miftâh al Khazâ'in. The Khâtimah comprises the author's disputations with certain Jews and Christians on points relating to the Islamic religion. The writer does not mention by name the author of Miftâh al Khazâ'in, referring to him always as صاحب مفتاح الحرائى (the author of Miftâh al Khazâ'in). The present work was dedicated to Sultân As Sayyid Sa'id of 'Umân (A D 1803-1856 see Beale, p 357).

Author Sulaimân bin Ahmad bin Husain bin 'Abdaljabbâr
سلیمان بن احمد بن حسین بن عبد الجبار, a scholar of the 13th century
A H who composed the present work in A H 1240

Beginning

بسم الله ، اللهم على ما هديتنا الله من السمس بالدين العويم
... فيقول خادم الدين المحمدي . سليمان بن احمد بن حسن بن
عبد الجبار وهدته لوامع الاسرار وصدته تحفة لمجالس الملك
المطاع السعد السعد السعد *

Written in fair Nasta liq Not dated, apparently 13th century

A H

No 642

foll 36 lines 13 size 6 × 6¹ 6 × 4

الدء الساطع فى مله المى الساع

AL BAD' AS SÂTI' FÎ MILLAT
AN ÑABÎ ASH SHÂFI'

A work written in refutation of a work by a certain Christian Padre one composed in the form of questions with the Padre's replies in seven chapters. In it a comparison is made between Muhammad and Jesus Christ and between Muhammadanism and Christianity to the advantage of the latter in each case. Our author quotes each chapter of the Padre's work verbatim and then proceeds to refute it.

Author Ibrahim ar Rufa' الراعى scholar of the 13th century A H

Beginning —

بسمك يا من ادب لنا سبل الرساد و بعد فقول احى رحمه الله
الرحم عدة الراى اراهم لما وقع على الاسله النبى ^ص بعض
اله و راعما بها ابطال دس الاله سمنه الدء الساطع فى مله
النبى الساع *

Written in fair Naskh Dated A H 1252

MIXED CONTENTS IN THEOLOGY

No 643

foll 142 lines 22 size 11 × 8 8 × 5

المجموعه

AL MAJMU'AH

The present Majmu'ah contains 15 treatises on different points of Zaidi theology by Zaidi scholars and was one of the MSS bequeathed

to the San'â Library (see Lib Cat vol v, part II, p 21) by Muhammad bin Hasan, the grandson of Qâsim Mansûr (d A H 1029 = A D 1620, see No 636 above) In the following autograph note on the title-page of the first treatise, the above-mentioned Muhammad bin Hasan gives us to understand that he studied that treatise, in A H 1037, under one Muhammad Siddiq

مشرعه ، في هدا الكتاب الكلليل ديار الدين ١٢ شهر رجب
سنة ١٠٣٧ على الفجر العار ، محمد بن ديق و كته العبد الى الله
محمد بن حسن بن امير المؤمنين العاسم بن محمد *

The 15 treatises referred to above are as follows

Foll 1-16 I الحكاه على الافوال العاصمه عن الاعتزال Al Hikâvatu Min Al Aqwâl Al 'Âsimatî 'An Al I'tizâl A treatise in refutation of the opinion of those who hold that the theological theories of Mansûr billâh (d A H 614 = A D 1217), one of the leading Zaidî Imams and rulers in Yaman, and those of the Mu'tazilî sect are the same The author quotes from the works of Mansûr billâh, in order to make clear what his real views were, and how they differed from those of the Mu'tazilî sect The treatise is divided into four Fasl's

Author As Sayyid Hamîdân bin Yahvâ bin Hamîdân bin Qâsim a prominent scholar of the Zaidî school He traces his descent from 'Alî, the fourth Caliph His biographers do not tell us the date of his death or the century to which he belonged, but from the fact that he composed treatise No XI below during the lifetime of the above-mentioned Mansûr billâh, we know that he was a scholar of the 7th century A H Again, we notice, at the end of the same author's treatise No IX below, a copy of a note written in praise of the author and his treatise by Mahdî Lidinallah, who died in A H 656, which, referring to our author in terms which show that he was alive at the time the note was written suggest that the two scholars were contemporaries

Beginning

اما بعد حمد من نعمه لا تحصى و محامدة لا تستقصى . فانه لما ظهر
كثير من الافوال التي انتدعها اهل الاعتزال في بعض من يدعى من
شيعه الامام المصنوع بالله . دعاني ذلك الى حكاية حمله من فوائد
كتبه المتصممه لتعصى مذهبه لدين العرب بن التسرع و الاعتزال الخ *

For another copy of the present treatise see Br Mus Suppl, No 212/6

Beginning —

For another copy of the treatise see Br Mus Suppl No 212/3
Scribe عبد الله بن محمد بن يحيى القاسمي

By Hamidan حميدان, the author of treatises No I and II above
Beginning —

For another copy of the present MS see Br Mus Suppl
No 212/2

By Hamidan حميدان author of treatises Nos I-III above
Beginning —

For another copy of the present treatise see Br Mus Suppl
No 212/4

By Hamidan حميدان author of treatises Nos I-IV above
Beginning —

For another copy of the treatise see Br Mus Suppl No 212/5
Foll 62^b-66^a VI الرسالة الناطقة لمعاني الأدلة العاصمة Ar Risalat
An Nazimah Li Ma an al Addillat Al Asimah A metrical treatise
containing a refutation of the Mu tazili creed

By Hamidan حميدان author of treatises Nos I-V above

Beginning

صلى الله على سيدنا محمد وآله وسلم -

حمداً وسكراً دائماً طول الأبد مصاعفاً مجاًزاً حد الأمد الحمد

Mutawakkil 'Alallâh (d. A.H. 697 = A.D. 1297), a famous scholar of the Zaidî school, calls this treatise الرسالة المزلزلة لأعصاد المعتزلة, the treatise which overthrows (literally, shakes 'the shoulders of) the Mu'tazilî sect

For another copy of the treatise see Br Mus Suppl., No 212/10

Foll 66^b-68^a VII المائل الباطل عن معاني الأفعال العبادية Al Masâ'il Al Bâhîsat 'An Ma'ânî Al Aqwâl Al Hâdisat A treatise written in refutation of certain theories which, according to the Zaidî school, are innovations introduced by orthodox theologians. These theories are quoted under the heading مائل, and the refutation of each theory is headed يحور, كنه.

By Hamîdân ممدان, the author of treatises Nos I-VI above

Beginning

صلى الله على سيدنا محمد وآله وسلم تسليمًا مسئلة كنه.

يجور التعكر في إنباب داب الله سبحانه وتعالى الح *

For another copy of the treatise see Br Mus Suppl., No 1220/15

Foll 68^b-107 VIII التبريح بدمع الصريح At Tasrîh Bî Maḡhab As Sarîh An exposition of Zaidî theological theories, together with a brief refutation of theories of philosophers and theologians of other sects which are contrary to the same. The work is divided into five sections (موضع), each being sub-divided into several Fasls

By Hamîdân ممدان, the author of treatises Nos I-VII above

Beginning —

أحمد الله تعالى حمد معتزلاً، بوحدانيته الح *

The author, in dealing with the K̲hilâfat of 'Alî, quotes, on fol 75, a Hadîs transmitted by Mansûrbillâh, as follows من ناصب [Whoever will oppose 'Alî's K̲hilâfat after me (i.e., the Prophet) is an infidel] The authenticity of this Hadîs, however, Sunnî scholars totally reject

For another copy of the present treatise see B1 Mus Suppl., No 212/1

At the end of this treatise we find a copy of a note made by

Hasan bin Muhammad bin Hadī (d. about A.H. 670) in praise of the present treatise and of treatises Nos IV and V above and of their author

Foll 108-109 IX. أربع مسائل من كلامه رضى الله عنه *Arba u Masa'il Min Kalamihī Radiya Allah Anhu* A collection by an unknown author from certain works of Hamīdan in which that writer has refuted the four tenets of the Sifatīyah sect relating to God and His attributes

Beginning —

بذكره يستدل على أربع مسائل من كلامه رضى الله عنه يعنى
من كلام السددور الدين ~ ان المتقدم ذكره الاولى سوالهم عن النظر
فى الصانع الجواب من ذلك ان النظر فى الادله الداله لا يدل
على ان الصانع عذر القادر الخ *

For another copy of the treatise see Br Mus Suppl No 212,9

At the end of this treatise is a copy of the note of Mahdī Ladinallah in praise of (Hamīdan) and his works referred to above

Foll 110-110^a X بيان الاسكال فيما حكى عن المهدى *Biyan A Ishkal Fi Ma Hukya An Al Mahdī* A treatise explaining certain obscure points in the traditions relating to the Imam Mahdī

By Hamīdan حمدان, the author of treatises Nos I-VIII above

Beginning —

حمدا لله على جعل الاله الصلوة على محمد حاتم النبائه الخ *

On the margin of the last fol of the treatise we find a copy of a note by one Qadī Abu Abdallah Muhammad in which he says that he studied the work under the author

Foll 117^b 124 XI المسائل السنوية والسنة الحسنة *Al Masa'il Ash Shatawīyah Wa Ash Shubah Al Hashhawīyah* A treatise by Hamīdan (See No X above) in refutation of a work by Shaikh Imran bin Hasan bin Nasir in which he attacked the Imamāt of the Zaidī Imams

Beginning —

هذا جواب المسائل السنوية والسنة الخ رده مما وصل كتاب السنه
العهده نا ملب جميع ما اوردع فيه وحدثه مستملا على التعرض للمساءرة الخ *

The author was evidently a contemporary of Mansurbillah (d. A.H. 614 = A.D. 1217) a Zaidī Imam and ruler of Yaman of whom he speaks in language used of reigning sovereigns (جلد الله ملكه) and the work must have been composed during the latter's lifetime

For another copy of the treatise see B1 Mus Suppl, No 1220/20, where it is entitled المسائل السنوية والسنة الحسنة

Foll 125-126 XII الرسالة في اثبات معجزات لعلي Ar Risâlatu fi Isbâti Mu'jizât Li 'Alî A treatise in refutation of one Saḍīdaddīn, a Sunnī scholar of the 8th century A H (see also No XIII below), who, while admitting that 'Alī possessed the power known as Karâmat (a term applied to the miracles of other pious Muslims), denied the Zaidī belief in the possession by 'Alī of the power known as Mu'jiza, a term usually applied only to the miracles of the Prophet

By an anonymous author of the Zaidī sect, of the 8th century A H

Beginning

سأله ، تعبدك ، الله ... فعلق اعتراض معتبر فعال حديد ، السطل
والمديدل لعلى عليه السلام و العصائل التي كانه ، له على عهد رسول الله
صلى الله عليه وسلم . . . و امثاله من العصائل الخارقة للعادة
و قال العائل هذه معجزة و المعجزة لا تكون الا للنبى كده ، جعلتموها لعلى
عليه السلام الحج *

Foll 127-131^a XIII الرسالة في حوا سديد الدين A1 Risâlatu fi Jawâbi Sadīdaddīn A treatise in refutation of Sadīdaddīn's views regarding 'Alī's Khilāfat By an anonymous author of the Zaidī sect, of the 8th century A H

Beginning

و الحمد لله و صلواته على محمد و آله الدين هم سعدية الدجاة .
اما بعد يا ايها الاح الطاهر سديد الدين ادام الله مدته و دولته
كانه ، وردت الى مسائلك الاولى واحتجتها بالحوا الذي تحققتهم ورد
مبك - و اب و اعتراض لم تسلك فيه طريقه المحسن و آنا الآن اورد ما
ذكرته و اهد - عليه الحج *

The style of writing, and the language used in the beginning of the present treatise referring to treatise No XII above, suggest that both treatises are by the same author. That he was a scholar of the 8th century A H we conclude from the fact that he uses the phrase ادام الله (prayer for longevity in referring to Saḍīdaddīn), and we know from Berlin, No 6277 that the latter died about A H 745

Foll 131^b-139^a XIV السهاب الدائب Ash Shuhab as Saqib
A treatise on the Khilafat of Ali and on his special merits

By Ahmad bin Hasan bin Muhammad bin Hassan bin Ar Rassas
a Zaidi scholar of the 7th century
A H who was alive in A H 655 see Anba' az Zaman fol 63

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذي من علينا بالاسلام وبعد ذلك لما رأيت طابعه
من الا ... مد حرج ... من مدشب اهل الا ... عليه السلام
احسب ان اذكر في هذا المختصر حمله من فاضل على من ابى طالب
عليه السلام منها ما هو متواتر ومنها ما هو في حكم المتواتر الخ *

The present treatise has the following note at the beginning
which indicates the title of the treatise as well as the author's name —

كتاب السهاب الدائب في مناقب علي بن ابي طالب تأليف السبع
احل الابرار العالم العامل الورع الصاد الكامل بناء الدين و ربي
الموحد بن احمد بن حسن بن محمد بن حسن الرصاص رضى الله عنه
اعمال جعل الحق معرفة ومأواه

Foll 139^b-142^a XV الكواكب الدرية في شرح الايات الدرية
Kawakib Ad Durriyat fi Sharh Al Ayyat Badriyah A commentary
on the verses composed by Muhammad bin Ja'far a recognised Zaidi
author of the 8th century A H in praise of the descendants of Ali

By Muhammad bin Amir al Mu'minin Al Mutahhar bin Yahya
bin Hadi محمد بن امير المؤمنين المطهر بن يحيى بن هاشم
a Zaidi Imam who died in A H 720 = A D 1320 see Anba' az Zaman fol 75

Beginning —

الحمد لله الاول بلى (دلا) ابداء و الاحر بلى (دلا) ادبوا حالى
الاسفل الخ *

All the above treatises are written in fair Naskh by the same
scribe viz عند الله بن محمد بن يحيى العاسمي Not dated apparently
10th century A H

No. 644.

foll 39, lines 25, size $4 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $6 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$

المجموعه

AL MAJMŪ'AH.

The present Majmū'ah contains four treatises, together with quotations from certain works of other authors, on different points of theology written in good Naskh by the same scribe throughout, and dated A H 1093

Foll 1-14^a I الرسالة في احويه اسئلة الريديه Ar Rīsālātu fi Aḥwibatī As'īlat az Zaidīyatī A treatise containing the replies to certain questions attacking the Sunnī sect, sent to the author while he was in Damascus Two important questions, among others, are as follows

- (i) Why a particular sect viz, the Sunnī, should call themselves اهل السنة والجماعة
- (ii) Was this designation given to them by the Prophet or some companion of the Prophet, for, if not, this must be a fictitious designation and an innovation in religion

By Muḥammad bīn Badi'addīn bīn Balbān محمد بن بدر الدين بن بلبان, a Hanbalī scholar of Damascus, who is known to us as the author of several works He died in A H 1083 = A D 1663 See As Suḥub, fol 237 The present work is not mentioned in the list of his compositions given in As Suḥub, but it is mentioned there that he took much interest in opposing the Zaidī sect, which goes to confirm the statement contained in a note on the title page of the present MS that Muḥammad Balbān is the author

Beginning

الحمد لله الذي اثار السنة وبدر اعلامها .. واطهرها على سائر
العقوب ... و بعد .. واعلم انه قد اردت بعض متدعي الريديه بعض
اعتراضات على اهل السنة المحمديه فاحمد .. ان احية .. عليها الخ

A note at the end tells us that the present MS was transcribed ten years after the author's death, and was compared with the autograph copy

Foll 14^b-32^a II الرسالة في احويه اسئلة الريديه Ar Rīsālātu fi Ajwabatī As'īlat az Zaidīyatī A treatise containing replies to certain questions relating to theology, the subject matter of which is similar to that of the questions referred to in treatise No I above These questions,

which were sent to the author through one Jamaladdin Muhammad bin Abdalwahhab are quoted verbatim by the author and are as follows thus —

- (i) الاول منها ما علمه هذه الامة من الاختلاف في المذاهب حتى صار مرفا
ولم يدرهم مذاهب الاربعة *
- (ii) هذه المذاهب الاربعة و انصارهم هل هم الذين انصروا وحصلوا (ii)
المذاهب منهم وما حجبهم عن ذلك *
- (iii) ماوجه تعري كنكم من ذكر اهل السب الدرى فانكم في كتب الحدب
نتركوهم ونحرجوهم من تنكم مع ذكر من هو دؤهم
وهم عنى الامة وسادابها *
- (iv) هذه المقامات المذكورة حول الكعبة ادام الله سرفها بصلون فيها بارتقاء ائمة
بى وب واحد هل كالب السنة على ذلك *

The replies follow after thus —

الحمد لله الذى نعمه بكم الصالحات قال الله ولكن منكم مدعور
الى الكبر ونام من بالمعروف الاله *

Beginning —

الحمد لله الذى الهادى من الصلالة وبعد وقد ورد علينا سؤال
من بعض ساداة الردية على يد السبع جمال الدين محمد بن عبد الوهاب
التمنى التمنى الي *

Author Ahmad b n Muhammad Yunus Safiaddin al Qushshashi
a prominent scholar of Arabia and the author of several works He died in A H 1071 = A D 1660
See Khulasat Al Asar vol 1 p 343 Brock vol 11 p 392 where
some account of him is found although the scribe in the following
note at the beginning tells us that he could not trace any such ac-
count — هذا الكتاب من السبع الامام العلامة صفى الدين احمد القاسمى بفع الله
الا انه لم يوجد له ترجمة لعلها لم نلها دفما وفعنا عليه والله اعلم *

The present MS was transcribed 22 years after the author's
death in A H 1093

Foll 32^b-33 III العواب المخصر عن السؤال الثانى و الثالب Al
Jawab Al Mukhtasar An As Suwal As Sanī Wa As Salīš Additional
replies in a concise form to questions 11 and 12 dealt with in the
above treatise by the same Ahmad al Qushshashi احمد القاسمى
the author of treatise No II In the present treatise the author

frequently quotes Muhammad bin 'Alī bin Bakrī (*d* A H 994 = A D 1586, see Block vol II, p 339)

Beginning

الحمد لله رب العالمين اما قبل اهل الاشاعة و الماتريديه اهل
السنة و الجماعة لوفوهم عند سنده صلى الله عليه و سلم الحج *

Scribe بن علي

The same is no doubt the scribe of treatises Nos I and II above since the handwriting of all these treatises is identical

Fol 33^b Contains some verses in praise of the Prophet and his descendants composed by Muhammad al Bakrī, who is frequently quoted in treatise No III above

Foll 34-35^a Verses from certain works of Subkī (*d* A H 771 = A D 1370), in which are contained certain questions and replies relating to the theological doctrines *عصا* and *عشيت* (decrees existing eternally in the Divine mind, and the Divine pleasure) The questions are by Ibn al Baqīqī, a Mu'tazilī scholar of the 7th century A H, and the replies by Ibrāhīm bin Talha the teacher of Subkī, and by Muhammad bin Sa'd, the pupil of Baidāwī (*d* A H 685 = A D 1286)

Questions

اذا ما مسمى ربي تكفري بركمكم و ام يرحم مسمى فما وجه حاتني
مسمى، واللى لم قل ارض نالقه ما انا راض بالدى فيه شعوتى
اذا ساء ربي الكفر مسمى وشئتة و ل انا عاص نائد اع مستتى

Replies by Ibrāhīm

حمدت الى اذ هدى حيرامة الى حذر دين مستعقم و صلة
وانك عاص حيد ، حاله ، امرة و ان كنه ، واقع المسنة فاصم ،
وما انه ، واقع ، المسنة عالماً بما سألة لكن مسمى ، صا ،

Replies by Muhammad bin Sa'd

معنى وساء الله نالقه ر علمه و ما م وديم سرما فى الجند
و اطهارة من بعد داك ، مطاعاً و ادراك و ناله درة الارل

Foll 35^b-36 Quotations from different works on different points of theology

Foll 37-39 IV الرسالة الواحمة فى العقيدة A1 Rīsālātu Al

Munzumāt fī Al Aqīdat A unique copy of a versified treatise on theology by Ahmad bin Muhammad the grandson of Imam Shāfiʿī (d. A. H. 204 = A. D. 820). Isnawī fol. 259 mentions the author as a reputed scholar of his age. The fact that the author was a son of the daughter of Imam Shāfiʿī who died at the beginning of the 3rd century A. H. suggests that our author belongs to the same century.

Written in fair Nastaʿlīq

Beginning —

الحمد لله العديم النسيب ب الانام معدر الافراد
 باني السموات والارض مدد الطلوع والادوار
 ما وجد في دانه وصفاه معديس عن كل صف طاي

No 645

fol. 7 lines 24 size 8×5 7×5

المجموعه

AL MAJMU'AH

The present Majmu'ah contains two treatises which are both autograph copies written in Magribī characters.

Fol. 1-4 I *Ar Risalatū fī Sharhī Sifat As Sama* An explanatory note on the passage in the *Aqidat* of Sannusi (d. A. H. 895 = A. D. 1490) for which see No. 565 above dealing with Sama (the power of hearing) one of the Divine attributes.

By Muhammad bin Muhammad Ad Daqqāq Al Malīkī محمد بن محمد المالكي a famous Malīkī scholar and Sufi of the 12th century A. H. who leaving his native place (Fes) came to Medina where he permanently settled. He studied under the eminent scholar Abdarrahman bin Abdal Qadir and others. We are told by his biographer that in Medina he spent his life in teaching religious works and delivering lectures on the same. He died in Medina A. H. 1150 = A. D. 1737 leaving behind him a large number of pupils. He was buried in the famous cemetery called Al Baqī. See *Silk Ad Durar* vol. iv p. 122.

Beginning —

الحمد لله رب العالمين وحسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل ولا حول ولا قوة الا بالله العلي العظيم والصلوة والسلام على سيدنا محمد بعد بعد
 في درسي للعقائد السنيّة يعرف السمع *

The colophon, in which the name of the author is indicated the author's name runs thus كَتَبَهُ الْعَدَدُ الْعَقِيرُ إِلَى رَحْمَةِ رَبِّهِ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ الدِّفَاقُ الْمَعْرَبِيُّ الْمَالِكِيُّ *

Foll 5-7 II الرسالة في شرح صفة السمع Aṣ Rīsālatu fi Shariḥ As Sifat As Sama' A supplement to the preceding note

By Muhammad bin Taiyyib al Mālikī, المالكى، محمد بن الطي، a Mālikī scholar of the 12th century A H and a contemporary of the author of the preceding treatise He was born in Fās, A H 1110 where he was brought up and received his education under his father and many others His biographer tells us that he studied under 180 Shaiḫs He visited Syria, Egypt and Arabia, and finally settled in Medina, where he passed his life in teaching and composing works He died in Medina, A H 1170 = A D 1756, and left behind him a large number of pupils and 50 compositions See Silk Ad Durar, vol iv p 91

Beginning

يا من له - اوصافه العبدية عن الاسماء و الصفات *

The following colophon indicates the name of the author

اعتقر الى معرفته ومعرفته محمد بن الطي، المالكى الى *

THE END

